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Pictures serene and sublime



Lauren Sansaricq and Erik Koepfel with Erik's painting, "Starr King Viewing Mt. Madison," painted in Shelburne, N.H. The artists' paintings will be part of an eight-week exhibition at the Bethel Historical Society beginning July 6. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

New generation of White Mountains painters takes its place alongside masters in BHS show

By ALISON ALOISIO

They paint from some of the same scenic locations as their predecessors did more than a century ago. On July 6 their artwork will join with that of 19th-century painters in the exhibition "Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured" at the Bethel Historical Society.

Erik Koepfel and Lauren Sansaricq of Jackson, N.H. are known as "plein air" or "open air" artists. They paint landscape scenes of the Maine and New Hamp-

shire White Mountains, but unlike many artists who work from photographs, the couple pack up their paint boxes, camp chairs, backpacks and lunch and hike off into the wilderness.

Erik, a New Hampshire native, and Lauren, from the Hudson River Valley of New York, grew up in the midst of natural beauty. They were drawn to it as they developed as artists.

Lauren grew up in a school with a rich art tradition, she said, and in

high school studied under a landscape painter who taught her the traditional painting techniques of artists known collectively as the Hudson River School.

She then attended the Grand Central Art Academy in New York.

Erik earned degrees at the Rhode Island School of Design and New York Academy of Art. He said he resisted pressure in school to paint in contemporary style.

"I wanted to create something beautiful," he said. For him, that was what he

saw in the natural world.

He decided to "humble himself" to the work of artists known as the masters of open air art, among them Thomas Cole, John Constable and Sanford Gifford.

Those artists painted in the tradition of the Hudson River School, capturing "the awe-inspiring summits and verdant glens in the White Mountain region of northern new Hampshire and western Maine," according to

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Upton to take second look at scholarship fund

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual town meeting tonight (Thursday) Upton voters will again consider whether to expand the field of young people eligible for town college scholarships.

They will also vote on a proposed FY'14 municipal budget that, if approved, will be up about \$8,800 from this year, according to Treasurer Jim Rector.

Last year's scholarship article would have expanded the current requirement that students have a high school diploma to also include students under 21 who may have earned a diploma or credential by another means recognized by the state.

Michele Boutchard, who submitted the article then, cited GEDs and home-schooling as alternate ways to qualify for the \$1,000-a-year award.

But some voters objected to the idea and also said

the wording of the article was unclear. It was defeated.

Selectman Bob Pepler said Monday he and Selectman Wanda Hall thought the issue should be brought back with the following wording:

"To see if the town will adopt amended College Scholarship Fund requirements to include students who have received a high school diploma or other high school credential recognized by the State of Maine, all other requirements remaining the same as previously adopted by the town."

As for the money articles, Rector said if all are approved the municipal total (not including school expenses) would be \$179,480, up from the current 2013 budget of \$170,680.

The town office expenses are proposed at \$46,500, up from 2013's \$44,000, while municipal buildings expenses are proposed at

\$12,000, down from \$14,000.

Not all of this year's funds were used, Rector said, but funds will likely go this summer toward a new front porch and handicapped-access ramp for the Town Office.

Up by about \$2,000 to \$50,000 is the Town Roads and Equipment Repair account.

Also up are the legal costs account, to \$2,500, to cover possible property abatement expenses, Rector said.

The FY'14 school budget proposal is down, with the town share at \$52,875 compared to \$67,969 for FY'13.

The 2013 mil rate - to be set for tax bills that will go out this fall for the FY'13 budget - is estimated to go down from 6.3 to about 6.0, Rector said.

Elections

In municipal elections, Pepler said Deputy Assistant Town Clerk Rose Stevens is expected to run to replace Town Clerk Mi-

chele Boudreau, who is not running.

Incumbent Tax Collector Charlotte Dominique is expected to run again.

Rector plans to retire and Deborah Judkins, who has been training for the position, is expected to run.

School Committee members John Aron and Robin Aldridge are up for reelection.

A selectman's seat is also open. Pat Kenyon was elected to it last year, but after a procedural issue regarding the posting of the warrant, she did not assume the seat and is not expected to run now, Pepler said. He said he did not know of anyone who has announced running for the position.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the School Building.

Scooter company finds Bethel the perfect place to test new designs

By ALISON ALOISIO

For Bethel Village residents puzzled last week to see men on scooters riding round and round the Broad Street/Paradise Road/Vernon Street/Main Street loop, the mystery is solved.

A team of 12 engineers and other staff from the Vectrix electric scooter company of New Bedford, Mass., were in town to test one of their new designs, according to Dana DeCosta, manager of field services and logistics.

The company develops scooters in cooperation with a European partner, he said. Most of the scooters are sold in Europe and are used for commuting.

"For every two we sell in Europe, we sell one in the United States," he said.

The vehicles range in size from large (equivalent of a 400 cc gas-powered motorcycle; top speed 68 mph) to small (equivalent of a 50 cc bike; 30 mph).

They are currently developing a new mid-size scooter.

Why did the team choose Bethel to test it?

They first came to the area last winter because they needed a place where temperatures were consistently 20 degrees or below to test performance in those conditions.

DeCosta is a native of Mechanic Falls, and he

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Dana DeCosta on the largest scooter made by Vectrix. It has a range of 55 to 85 miles and can reach speeds up to 68 mph. Charging takes about three-and-one-half hours. The scooter has a "regenerative throttle" which means if the operator throttles back going downhill the battery will partially recharge itself. The silent motor allows for a conversation between driver and passenger while riding. DeCosta said the scooter is used by police departments in New York, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C., as well as by some college police departments.

Newry bylaws work getting underway

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen last week appointed several residents to an ad hoc Bylaws Committee. The committee held an organizational meeting Monday.

Members are William Andrews, Jim Largess, Bob Lowell, Doug Webster, Mandy Berry, Marjorie Osgood and Selectman Brooks Morton.

Largess is the chairman and Webster the recording secretary. The panel will meet the second and fourth Mondays of the

month at the Town Office, from 5 p.m. to 6:30.

The panel was proposed by Morton, who earlier this spring had advocated for a more comprehensive town charter, which would establish rules for conducting all town business.

But he later settled with other selectmen to instead establish bylaws, which may outline the duties of town officials and the conduct of meetings, hear-

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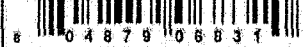
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Letters

NO RUSH TO JUDGMENT

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on a couple of articles appearing in the June 20, 2013, issue of the Bethel Citizen. But first, I would like to CONGRATULATE the voters of Bethel for turning out for their annual Town Meeting! Good for you taking the time to come and cast your vote for what you believe in – YOUR TOWN! You cast your vote and made your thoughts and wishes clear to the Selectmen.

Unlike Ms. Carter, I believe the taxpayers were educated, and fully informed on the articles they were there to vote on. I believe they had read the articles in the Bethel Citizen, Lewiston Sun Journal and attended several meetings and they were ready to make their wishes known. There was no "Rush to Judgment." Respecting someone's point of view and wishes does not make for everyone seeing things the same. Everyone has a right to their opinion and vote and clearly the Bethel Townspeople did just that. A democracy!

Mr. Wight comments (front page, same issue) that our town meeting was "a well-orchestrated theft of the site etc." (dog park). I find that very interesting because that's pretty much what the Dog Park Committee did to the Snowmobile Club. It was an after-thought when they presented their blueprints – drawn up in full – to the Club. They had already moved the Club Trail. It had been there for 30 years! They just pushed it off to the side. Later on they decided to "work with the Club" and did actually have a couple meetings/conversations with them. This was after the Club was told that nothing would change the snowmobile trail.

In the June 18 issue of the Sun Journal, Mr. Wight states that a dog park will not cost the taxpayers any money. In the March 14, 2013 issue of the Bethel Citizen, our Town Manager and Selectman, Don Bennett, admitted that eventually it will. Enough! If it's on Town Property, it's going to cost us.

Mr. Wight keeps saying lots of people want the Dog Park. Where were ALL these people at Town Meeting?

Article 4 did not pass (in my opinion) because it had the Dog Park in it. The people do not want a Dog Park on Town Property. Nor were they willing to relinquish their right to vote (to the Selectmen) on WHAT goes on Town Property.

Mr. Wight states (June 18, Sun Journal) that people (Bethel people?) are paranoid about taxes. I would say most everyone is concerned about taxes and where our tax money is going. Have some respect!

Sue Cross
Bethel

STANDS BY HIS WORDS

To the Editor:

In response to Don Chase's comments of June 13, I stand behind everything I have written. It is hard to dispute facts.

The Obama administration is now planning to add thousands of IRS agents to be assigned to administer the tax portion of the Obamacare healthcare plan. After the recent revelations about IRS malfeasance, aren't you afraid?

Richard Grover
Mason

CORRECTION

HOTOPP SPOKE AT MARCH MEETING—An article in last week's Citizen about the "tar sands" vote at the Bethel Town Meeting incorrectly stated that Ken Hotopp spoke at the special town meeting in January on the issue. He did not have an opportunity to speak. He spoke at a public informational meeting in March.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WHEN WILL 'NO' BE 'NO' IN BETHEL?

To the Editor:

Enough is enough. The town of Bethel had its town meeting and overwhelmingly defeated the articles that would have put a dog park on town land, yet we read an article in the Sun Journal on June 18 where Steve Wight from Newry is telling us that the Dog Park Committee will continue on its quest to get the dog park on Bethel town land. We even said NO to the Ad Hoc Recreation Committee to make sure that the dog park wouldn't slide in between the other recommendations. Now we are hearing that the Selectmen of Bethel are continuing to entertain the idea of a dog park on town land. What part of NO do they not understand? Why are they insisting on making a mockery of the system? It is time that we let them hear from us loud and clear. NO is NO. Call them up, send them e-mails or write them letters: Stan Howe; Don Bennett; Pat Carter; Peter Southam; Lloyd Sweetser; and Jim Doar (jdoar@bethelmaine.org). Let Steve Wight know that when the vast majority of Bethel voters say no, it means NO!

Joseph C. Hollowell
Bethel

CROCKETT EXPLAINS MEDICAID VOTE

To the Editor:

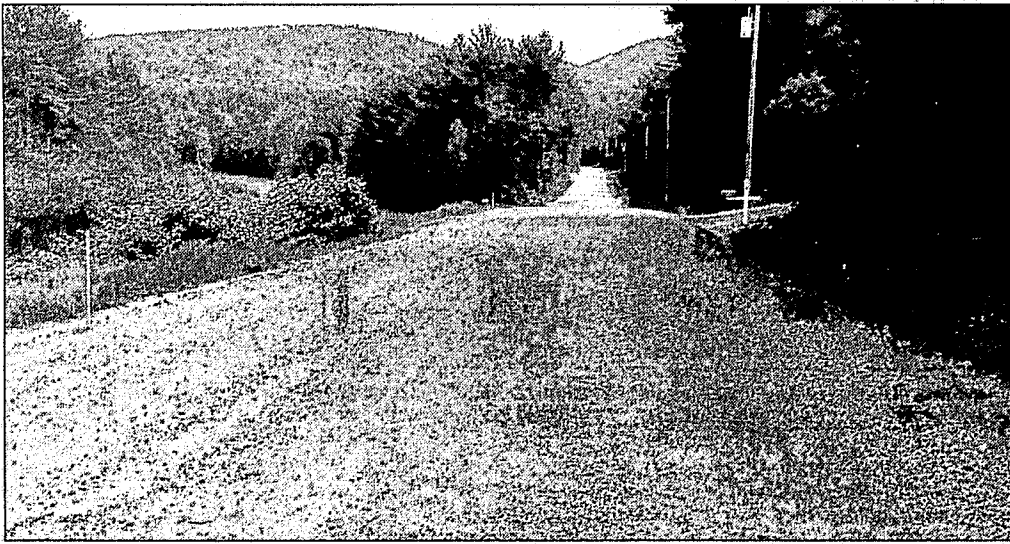
Recently the Sun Journal ran an article on Medicaid Expansion (LD 1066), which created more questions than answers surrounding my vote on the issue. I was one of 6 Republicans to vote to accept \$900 million in federal Medicaid funds because I felt it was the right decision for Mainers.

On the afternoon of June 19, –the Legislature's statutory adjournment date – I voted to override the Governor's veto. It takes two-thirds of those "present and voting" to override a governor's veto. Regrettably, we fell short by two votes. During that roll-call vote, the Speaker attempted to open and close voting in less than a minute, with legislators literally running to get to their seats in time to vote.

After losing the vote, a motion to table and reconsider was brought forward. This was inappropriate given that it was the last day of session. Without enough votes to override the veto, the only means of winning at that point was to vote quickly when opposition was out of the Chamber or had left for the evening, thus limiting the opportunity for the opposition to vote. I informed leadership for both parties, as well as the media, I would not be an accomplice to this brand of shady politics and would vote to sustain the previous actions of the House, despite wanting the legislation. Consequently, because of the outrage of various members, the next vote was held around 7 p.m. and the previous actions were sustained.

I understand people's passion for this issue. While it is unfortunate we lost, we can never let passion supersede the principles of fairness and due process. We teach our children to be good sportsmen, and when they lose, to do so with integrity. As leaders, we have an obligation to do the same, remembering the rule of law often times dictates that the process is more important than the outcome. When the process is undermined, the very voice of the people is snuffed out and their chance at a fair shot cut short. My final vote on June 19, was out of a desire for a fair process.

Rep. Jarrod Crockett
Bethel



Oxford County is doing another phase of improvement work on the Hunt's Corner Road in Albany. About 4,500 feet of road (including a short portion of Hutchinson Pond Road) from the Waterford line north will be reclaimed, rough graded, compacted, gravelled (8 inches), fine graded, paved and shoulder-gravelled at an estimated cost of \$180,000, according to County Administrator Scott Cole. The primary contractor for the work is Bruce Manzer. Other capital work this summer includes the replacement of two major culverts between Stearns Road and Barton Road (the section directly north of last year's new piece of road), at a total cost of \$125,000. Pictured here on Saturday is a section of the Hunt's Corner Road that is undergoing improvement. Next year the Stearns-to-Barton road section will get the same improvements the other sections got last year or are getting this year, Cole said.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Celladore

'What do you do all winter?'

"And whatever do you do all during the cold winter?" city friends ask. You do not spend all the time tending fires and shoveling snow. Neither do you make many social commitments; the state of the road is never sure. The popularity of skiing brings many houseguests but they are outdoor people and never mind walking if the road is blocked or covered with ice. The contrast between an urban and a country winter was made vivid one evening when the mother of a skiing family said to me after dinner, "I feel that we have made you a lot of trouble making us these nice meals. We appreciate it." I accepted the thanks in the spirit offered, smiling to myself the while. Fixing the meals was nothing. Home-baked bread and hot porridge were routine, though the quantities skiers can consume is startling. The things taken for granted were the things that took time. When winter guests are expected we scurry about getting ready. Since our wood-burning furnace is heated mostly by the sunshine and not large enough to heat the entire house, we move in November into chambers heated mostly by the sunshine and close off the cool summer quarters. Now we move back to the cool rooms and give our guests used to automatic heating the warm places and break out extra down puffs. We lay in extra logs for the fireplace; we bring in fine wood and kindling for the upstairs stove. I clean and fill extra lamps. B.B. pumps the big tank in the cellar full of water and makes sure that he has plenty of gasoline on hand for daily refills, and while our friends are here, he lends me a hand on refilling the woodboxes. Preparing the food is the least of the chores. It is pleasant having the house full of people, laughter and music. After they leave, we switch bedrooms again and the chores now seem nothing.

Fortunately, January and February, the dead of the winter, still remain somewhat of a semi-hibernation atmosphere. The earth and plants are resting, readying themselves for the push of spring, the fruit and flower of summer. Humans, mostly from necessity and partly from a lack of awareness, do not follow nature's pattern. The unfortunate male of the species (and the ardent fem libbers) cannot den up as bears and woodchucks do, but rather go on keeping the world going and bringing home the daily bread. On Celladore, B.B. was a bit of a respite. I have a list of projects, none of them urgent, especially for this season; a list that is never completed.

My neighbor, Dot A., always makes me new pot holders for Christmas. Nothing is quite so bedraggled looking as the old ones. The colors form frequent washings have long since faded into a muddy mass, the filling is adrift and lumpy, too-hot dishes have charred the fabric in spots which flake away with more disapproval than the scary old-fashioned dandruff cure advertisements. From New Year's until Epiphany, I have a little daily rite: drop an old pot holder into the fire, take out a gay fresh one to replace it. Any gesture of a new start, no matter how trivial, refreshes the spirit. Then I start on the winter projects. The first one is to make a list of all the things that you wish you had done last year and didn't. Put a copy under the desk blotter. Take the list to a calendar that you have hung in an inconspicuous spot, maybe the cellarway, and write a reminder on each month's page. It is amazing how many will find time to actually do as the year wags along.

NEWS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations. The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated. All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person. Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office), mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217 or e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Arlene Greenleaf stepped down after 18 years as director of Bethel Rescue, and Dustin Howe was elected to replace her.

The Spring Street Dance Theater presented "Simba's Journey" at the Telstar auditorium.

Births: Joshua William Clark, Dylan Thayer Greenberg, Jaeden Olivia Jagemann, Eric Zachery Chapmann, Jacob Spencer Heath, Lexi-Jayde Mack.

Deaths: Heaven L. N. Larsen, Linda Rae Foster, Herbert Holmes Lyon, Joseph Edward Varnum.

20 years ago: The SAD 44 Board of Directors accepted Arthur C. Dudley Construction's bid of \$3,752,510 for construction of the addition to the Crescent Park School.

Kyle Moran, Bethel, won the Maine State Junior Championship golf tournament for 14- and 15-year-olds.

Birth: Jessica Lynn Henley.

Death: Olive P. Davis.

30 years ago: At a special town meeting, Greenwood residents voted 20-7 to purchase a new truck for use in town road work and plowing.

Members of the Woodstock High School class of 1938 gathered at the Sudbury Inn to celebrate their 45th reunion.

Birth: Kathleen Brunt Gauthier.

Deaths: Alma C. Thurston, Peter C. Bean, Sr., Mrs. Laura N. Learned.

40 years ago: The Friday Gift Shop in the Bethel Methodist Church Annex was open for the summer.

Honorary pages sponsored by Jay Willard at the State House were Jeffrey Hastings, John Feeney, Chuck Hurd, and Tony Butters. **Deaths:** Leslie L. Cummings, Mrs. Elizabeth Emery Wight, Mrs. Martha Brackett Douglass.

50 years ago: Rev. Donald Hess and family had moved to Bethel where he has assumed leadership as pastor of the Methodist Church.

Acting Postmaster Earlon Paine announce that the Bethel Post Office five-digit zip code was 04217.

Deaths: Mrs. Lela Stearns, Wilber V. Orrs.

60 years ago: There were 120 delegates attending NTL's 7th annual summer training program at Gould Academy.

The Bethel Players were rehearsing for a production of "Desperate Desmond's Dastardly Deed," to be presented at the William Bingham Gym.

70 years ago: The proposals for alterations to the lower hose company building were defeated at a special corporation meeting.

Mrs. Eugene Van Den Kerckhoven and Mrs. Errol Donahue were delegates from the local auxiliary to the American Legion state convention in Bangor.

Miss Rita Salls of Locke's Mills was a member of the graduating class at Gordon College.

80 years ago: Alcide J. Moore, Louis J. Ron-do, and Harry R. Wood, all of Lawrence, Mass., were killed when the car in which they were riding was struck by the east-bound passenger train at Dwinah's crossing, Oxford. Irvin French killed a bear and three cubs near his home in Newry.

90 years ago: Bates College conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon Dr. J. G. Gehring.

100 years ago: The town of Denmark dedicated a monument to the soldiers of 1861-65.

Miss Carrie Wight returned from Machias where she was teaching in the Washington State Normal School.

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Artists

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a description of the Bethel exhibition.

Erik vowed not to paint original works until his technique was as good as theirs. For five years he honed his skills in New York, while spending summers in New Hampshire.

He and Lauren met while painting in the Catskill Mountains of New York. They eventually felt confident in their ability to make money painting, and they moved full-time to Jackson, close to landscapes they love to paint.

The two find their subjects in a variety of ways - locating favorite sites painted by the artists of the past, hearing about ideas from other people, and sometimes just driving around looking for a good angle from which to view a mountain.

"We drive up a lot of dirt roads," said Lauren.

They may paint onsite, or do a detailed sketch from which to work in their studio.

They don't try to simply replicate the scene, but instead use color to help create a mood. For exam-

ple, said Erik, "I may add evening light. The goal is to reveal the beauty of the scene. I'm not looking for what it looks like, I'm looking for what it feels like."

Such landscapes, he said, "can lead you to consider higher thoughts, and provide a heightened sense of divinity."

Bethel exhibition

About six months ago Randy Bennett, the executive director of the Bethel Historical Society and a collector of White Mountain Art, attended the opening of an exhibition by the couple in Jackson.

The owner of several paintings by the White Mountain artists of the past, Bennett thought it would be interesting to combine them with Erik and Lauren's paintings for a BHS exhibition.

As part of that plan, the two artists have done paintings in Maine locations that include Newry, Grafton Notch and Gilead (a view from Artist's Curve on Route 2, looking up the Androscoggin River Valley).

The title of the exhibition combines two modes

of painting. The "serene," said Erik, focuses on pastoral scenes in which man lives in harmony with nature.

The "sublime" focuses on "the wild power of nature and man's inability to control it," he said.

Such scenes have a humbling effect on the viewer, providing a perspective on how small man is by comparison.

More than a dozen historic paintings will be in the exhibition, including Bennett's, some from other private collectors and from the Bethel and Jackson Historical Societies.

Among the historic painters represented in the exhibition will be Samuel Lancaster Gerry, Edward Hill, Frank H. Shapleigh, Benjamin Champney, Aaron Draper Shattuck and George Loring Brown.

The paintings by Koepel and Sansariq will be available for purchase, with all sales going to support BHS programming/operations.

For more information go to the BHS website at bethelhistorical.org.

Scooter

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originally suggested the Auburn area to his team. But on arrival they found the temperatures weren't quite as low as what they needed. So they headed north.

"It was colder here," he said.

They proceeded to test the scooter by driving it around Bethel Village and out on Route 2. (It performed to expectations.)

When warm weather

rolled around the team decided to return, in order to test it in the same road conditions with the only variable the weather.

DeCosta said the team has been all over the country for its tests, including Death Valley in California for the extreme heat.

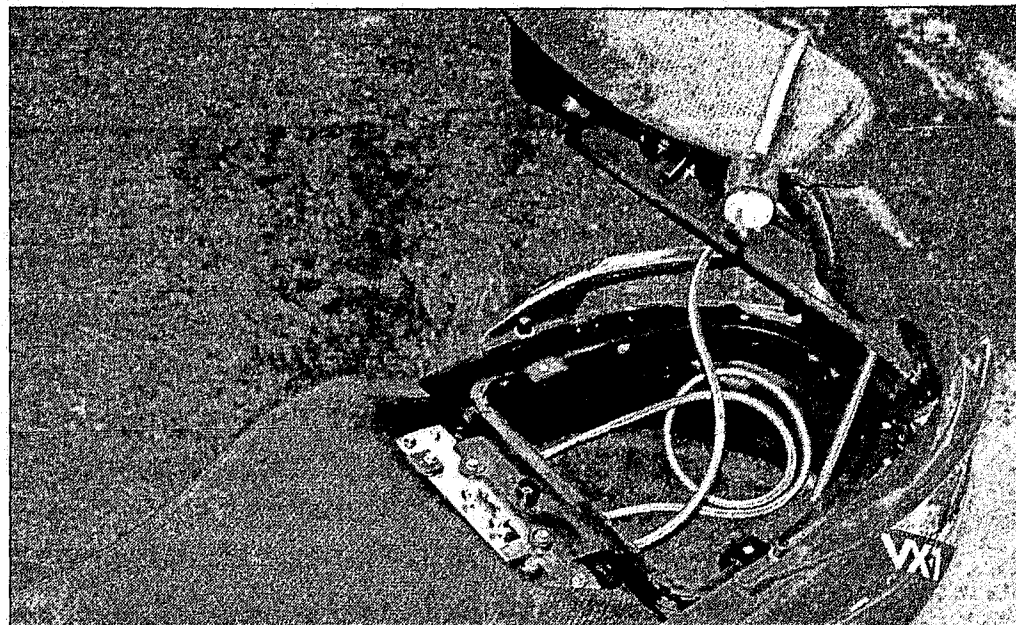
But, he said, "this is the first place we've come to twice."

The team likes the variable terrain of the region

with a combination of village, highway and hilly roads. On two days last week they made a successful ascent of the Mt. Washington Auto Road - and have the bumper sticker to prove it.

They were also happy with their accommodations at the Bethel Inn and the choice of restaurants in the area, he said.

"We hit a home run there," he said.



The plug, stored under the back seat of the VX-1 Vectrix scooter. Charging takes about three and one-half hours. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Newry

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ings, votes and other proceedings.

Morton has argued that Newry needs to better spell out the duties of town officials and town procedures.

The committee's bylaws proposal will be put up for a town vote, possibly at the next annual town meeting in March.

Other selectboard business

Newry selectmen last week also met with Roger Arsenault of Community Energy, who won the bid to replace the furnace at the town office. The cost will be \$12,988.

Work is expected to get underway in July.

Selectmen also learned the town needs to correct a number of OSHA violations at the Sunday River Fire Station following an unexpected inspection.

The board also discussed the possibility of hiring an attorney to be on retainer. Morton favored the move, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers.

"If something comes up, you have someone to call who's on your side," he said. "You won't be shopping for a lawyer if you need one."

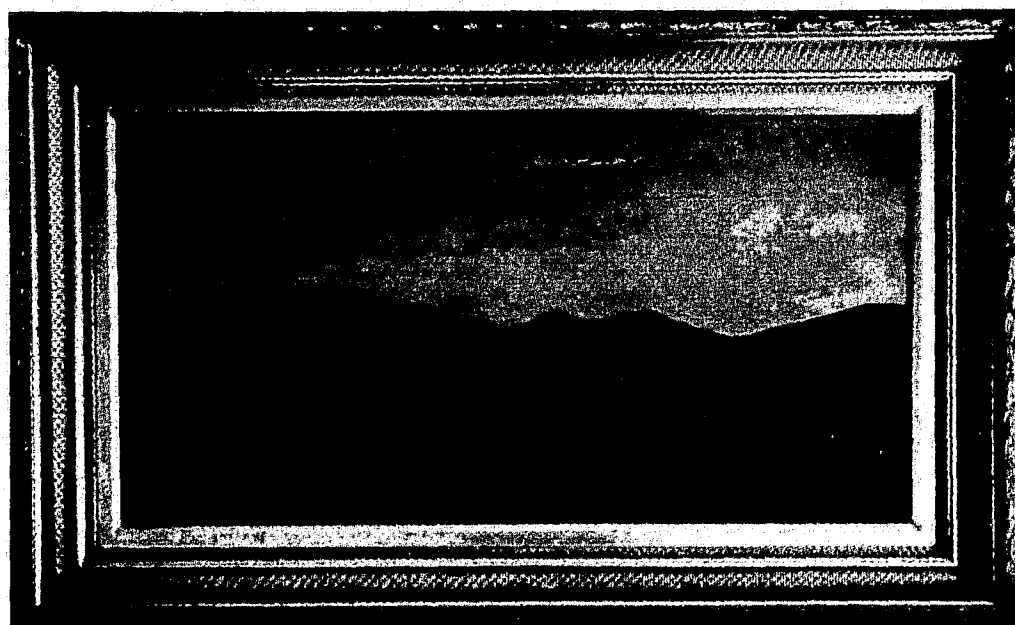
The board reviewed its legal costs over the past decade. The greatest costs have been incurred since 2009: 2009, \$6,600; 2010, 12,000+; 2011, \$5,500; 2012, \$8,800; and so far in 2013, \$4,700.

Much of that went to an

abatement appeal by Sophia Bilinsky, but some in 2010 also went to another property-related appeal, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers.

Chairman Wendy Hanscom thought that might be more expensive than hiring a lawyer for specific circumstances, as Newry does now, but the board agreed to research the option further.

Selectmen also met with a resident regarding recent complaints about old autos and other materials on his property. They agreed on a timeline for cleanup.



PAINTING FROM THE PAST-Baldpate from Bethel Hill" (1875) by J. Spaulding Record of Buckfield. The 2nd Congregational Church in Mayville is at left. The painting will be among those on display at the "Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured" exhibition at the Bethel Historical Society.

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BHS speaker describes the Maine home front during the Civil War

By ROSABELLE TIFFT
Special to the Citizen

Eben Miller, History/Honors Program Coordinator at Southern Maine Community College, presented "Nelson Dingley Jr.'s, Daily Evening Journal: A View of the Northern Civil War Home Front, 1861-1863," at the Bethel Historical Society's Hall Memorial Lecture last week.

With the use of slides taken from pages of the journal, Miller provided a glimpse of life in that time period.

Miller conducted research on the Northern home front during the civil war in the context of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. He wanted to learn how local people responded to the war and found that the Lewiston Daily Evening Journal offered a window into life on the home front.

Nelson Dingley Jr., launched the journal during the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. He later became Governor of Maine.

Miller's talk followed three themes.

How the Journal actively sought to foster patriotism and wartime unity.

How it showed the prevalence of emancipation as a theme of public debate.

How it provided an intimate connection between the home front and war front.

Miller found that the journal cultivated patriotism and unity by promoting rallies, with the U.S. flag as the central rallying point. A patriotic poem, "Our Flag," was one of many written and published in the Journal.

The paper reported that despite the war, the area showed economic vitality. There were many options for entertainment, including musical shows (at 15 cents a ticket), minstrel shows, skating, sleigh rides and more. This promoted a sense of "life going on normally" on the home front, which gave comfort and reassurance to soldiers on the war front.

"The journal provided a tangible connection between soldiers and people at home," said Miller.

Soldiers asked for copies of the Journal to keep abreast of ordinary accounts of daily life. In return, the Journal asked soldiers for their letters and published them. Many citizens also shared their private letters. All this activity marshaled support for the soldiers. Upon learning of the soldiers' needs, citizens organized fund raisers, including a Charity Ball. A number of women also helped by knitting socks and mittens and even made a patchwork comforter. The Journal kept tabs on all this activity.

"Emancipation became a key consideration from the onset," said Miller. "People often thought about it and supported it."

Evidence of this support took the form of a new piece of sheet music, "Emancipation Quick Step," published and praised in the journal. When New Year's Day 1863 marked the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, it became a "Day of Jubilee."

Miller closed with a question and answer period

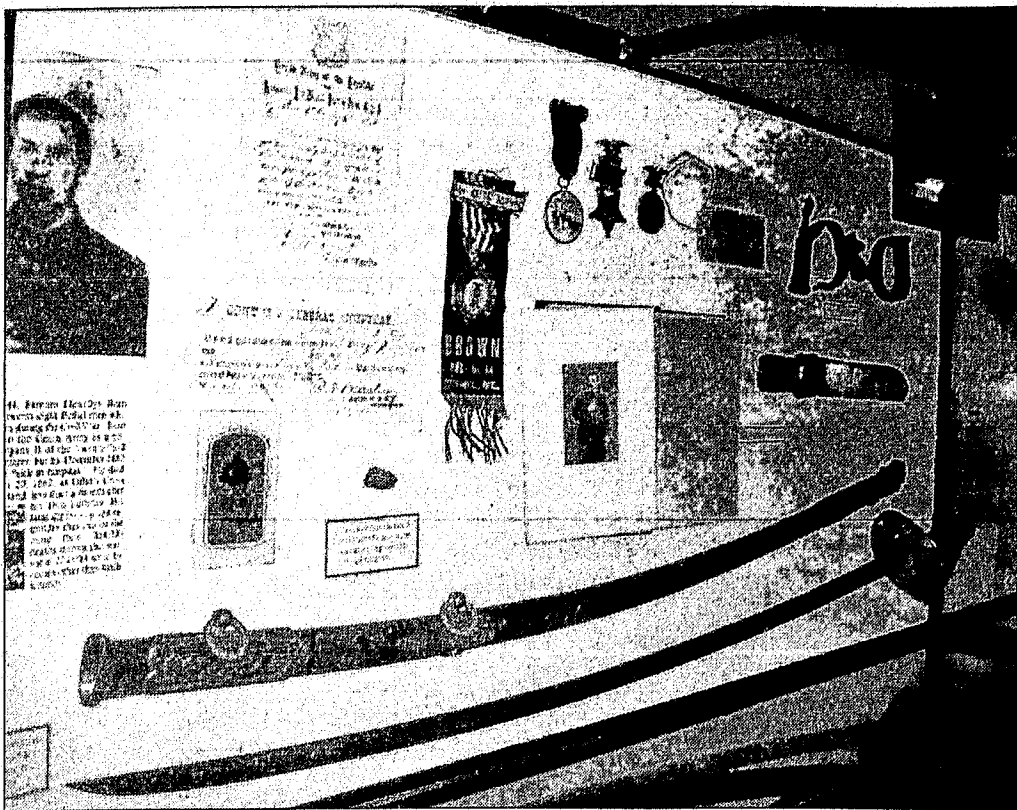
among the many "history buffs" in the audience.

The program was part of the Bethel Historical Society's 2013 lecture series, "Trails, Trials and Tourism, Capturing the Maine Experience," supported in part by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council. The subject of this year's lecture coincided with the Society's participation in the Maine Civil War Trail.

(Note: Randall Bennett, Executive Director, BHS, said the Society considers newspapers a reliable resource. The Society has been microfilming certain papers, and also purchasing papers already microfilmed, since the 1970s. Most, though not all, of the newspapers were or are published in Maine. The Society started out with the Bethel Citizen and then added the Oxford Democrat, Norway Advertiser, Advertiser-Democrat, Oxford Observer, and other local papers.)

Their most recent project is to build a collection of the Portland Transcript, which contains important information on the early Mormon movement in Maine, western Maine/White Mountain tourism, and the effects of the railroad constructed between Portland and Montreal (and through Bethel) between 1846 and 1853.

The Society is also interested in 19th and 20th century tourism and owns a complete run on microfilm of "Among the Clouds," which was first published and printed on the summit of Mount Washington in 1877. All the information is being placed in categories, available for reference.)



"IN THE FIELD AND ON THE HOME FRONT: BETHEL DURING THE CIVIL WAR"-This exhibit is the Bethel Historical Society's contribution to the Maine Civil War Trail project. Using rarely seen artifacts and images from the Society's permanent collection, the exhibit explores the effects of the Civil War in Bethel. It offers a general overview of what it was like for soldiers from Bethel in 1861. Among the items is a silk U.S. flag, hand-sewn by Bethel women and presented to the Fifth Maine Regiment headed by Capt. Clark S. Edwards of Bethel, who later became a Brigadier General. The flag symbolized support from Bethel and the region to keep the country together. It remained in the Edwards family until 1998 when heirs donated the flag to the Society. Among the images and artifacts is a list of food and supplies sent to the soldiers by the Ladies Union Aid Society. Some of these items included a bed sack, hop pillows and slippers, socks, shirts, slippers, towels, and dried apples and blueberries. While the exhibit shows evidence of support for the war effort, the Civil War years proved to be important for Bethel. The years marked the greater industrialization of the town, the growth of the summer tourist trade with many hotels and boarding houses being established, and the increased importance of Bethel Hill as a commercial center. This conveyed the idea that people tried to get on with their lives as normally as possible. Below, BHS Director Emeritus with Hall Lecture Series speaker Eben Miller. (Photos: R. Tift)



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I, for one, am really glad that summer has arrived. So far it's been on the cool side and that's fine with me. It is usually right about this time of the year that we start experiencing some darned hot and humid days. We've been pretty lucky so far.

I like the summer weather on the cooler side for a number of reasons. Low night-time temperatures are much more comfortable for sleeping. I hate having a fan blowing on me all night and I know there are nights ahead when two fans will be necessary. But for now it's quite pleasant and I do like that.

I also like the idea that one can work outside without dropping from heat exhaustion. Notice I said idea, because I haven't actually spent a lot of time working outside, but if I want to I could do it without sweat running into my eyes and elsewhere.

The best thing about the cooler weather is the clothing options. I can still wear bulge-friendly clothing without being too hot. I favor slacks or jeans and long-sleeve, bulky tops to cover a multitude of bulges and flab. All too soon I will have to let a lot more hang out than I care to or suffer extreme discomfort.

There was a time when I wore cute little shorts and halter tops on hot summer days and looked pretty darn good. Of course, those were younger and slimmer days. Who the heck am I kidding; those were childhood days.

Though even in adulthood I could wear Bermuda shorts and a tank top and look okay. Even a bathing suit didn't prove to be a total embarrassment. But that was a long time ago and now with

my ever-expanding shape, self-respect and social decency dictate that I keep myself covered.

I haven't even owned a bathing suit in years and years. I had a brief lapse in reality a few weeks ago when I considered buying a bathing suit thinking I might go swimming with the grandkids this summer. A trip to the department store slapped me back into reality in a hurry.

Have you seen what's out there for bathing suits? What are they thinking? Surely the designers had no one weighing over 100 pounds in mind when they fashioned these little bits of material and called them swimwear.

I actually found one in my size, or at least according to the tag it was, but parts of me that it would not cover could get me arrested.

Some of the bathing suits, if they did come in my size and praise be that they don't, I wouldn't even be able to figure out how to put them on. They seemed to be more like a contraption of straps with little pockets of material than bathing suits. And those little thong numbers, well, don't they just give a whole new meaning to wedgie!

I can only imagine what a woman of the Victorian era would think if she could see modern swimwear. I can only imagine what the men of that era would think.

I wouldn't care to revisit that period when women were treated as second-rate citizens, but after seeing the current bathing suit styles, the top to bottom coverage of the mid-1800's does have a certain amount of appeal to me.

The women did not wear bathing suits; they wore

bathing dresses. They were neck high, long-sleeve affairs that went down to mid-shin and weights were often sewn into the hems so they wouldn't billow up in the water and reveal anything. And a matching pair of bloomers down to the ankles were also required. Imagine what it was like to swim in those outfits. At least they concealed the bulges along with everything else.

It just so happens that I received two catalogs today. One was from a company that markets to mature full-figured women and one that markets to a much younger and slimmer audience. The first catalog had a few bathing suits that were one piece and the basic style was okay, but the patterns were loud, garish floral prints. If I ever do wear a bathing suit again I certainly don't want a giant hot pink hibiscus on my butt.

The other catalog had a number of slinky little bathing suits in both one-piece and two, but I think some of the one piece suits had less material than a handkerchief. I suppose they would be fine on the size 2 figure that was available, but what amazed me was that they were also available up to size 4X. The only thing that was more amazing was a two-piece bathing suit made of some miracle fiber that was one size fits all!

The way I see it this won't be the year that I buy a new bathing suit. If the weather stays cool I won't even have to think about it and if it gets so hot that I feel I need the relief I can always drape myself with a sheet, weight down the ends, put on a pair of bloomers and call it a swimming dress.

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, June 18

At 3:57 p.m. a report was received of a burglary and the theft of \$20 on Pine Street in Andover. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned.

At 4:12 p.m. a trespassing complaint was received from a Gilead resident. Cpl. George Cayer was assigned.

Wednesday, June 19

At 9:07 a.m. Deputies Josh Wyman and Andy Whitney responded to a report of animal cruelty and drug trafficking/use in the Bethel area. The report is under investigation.

At 10:23 a.m. Deputies Josh Wyman and Andy Whitney responded to the Annis Road in Bethel for a report of theft. The incident is under investigation.

At 2:47 p.m. Deputies Josh Wyman, Andy Whitney and Mike Dailey responded to the East Bethel Road in Bethel for a two-vehicle crash.

Thursday, June 20

At 1:18 p.m. a caller on the West Bethel Road in Bethel provided information regarding theft of materials. Deputy Mike Halacy was assigned.

Friday, June 21

At 9:44 a.m. Deputies Josh Wyman, Andy Whitney and Nathan Bowie responded to the West Bethel Road for a report of a burglary. The complainant was able to obtain evidence to identify the suspect. The case is under investigation.

At 5:02 p.m. a caller on the West Bethel Road asked for information on laws governing indecent exposure because of a subject sunbathing topless. Deputy Nathan Bowie advised the caller of the laws. The caller planned to call back if the issue escalated.

At 11 p.m. a Grover Hill Road, Bethel, resident reported a vehicle pulling in and out of driveways. Cpl. George Cayer stopped the vehicle and found the driver was an 18-year-old looking for an underage drinking party. The party was located off the Hall Road, broken up and one subject was arrested for motor vehicle violations.

At 11:42 p.m., after checking a side road for an underage drinking party in Bethel, Cpl. George Cayer stopped four vehicles leaving the dirt road. One subject from Milan, N.H. was arrested for operating without a license in violation of his restriction (17 years old and drinking alcohol). The juvenile was taken to the Bethel substation where he refused a breath test. He was picked up by a relative.

At 12:17 p.m. a subject struck and killed a deer on Mayville Road in Bethel. Deputy Dani Welch responded.

Saturday, June 22

At 2:34 p.m. on Vernon Street in Bethel Deputy Peter Casey charged Susan G. Powell, 68, of Albany with operating an unregistered motor vehicle. At 2:37 p.m. she was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear on a charge of attaching false plates. At 3:56 p.m. she was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

At 4:20 p.m. a report was received of a lost horse in Albany. There was a cell phone in the saddlebag and the cell phone company pinpointed the location. The horse was found.

Bethel

By DON BENNETT



On the road

Living on Route 2 we see many automobile groups, new and antique, plus hundreds of motorcycles and special cars from years past and present. Last week I saw a convoy of 25 or more three wheel cars I had never seen before. The guys here with the Vectrix electric motorcycles were able to ID them for me - they were T Rexes. Large single rear drive wheel and two front wheels - look almost like a racing kind of ATV.

Sunday River Opened June 21

Friday provided fine sunny weather for Sunday River's summer season opening and from watching the crowd at South Ridge, it seemed like mountain biking was the most popular attraction. Bikers get a ride to the top on the Chondola/Chair lift to North Peak. The Zipline was also in operation. Being put up was a portable climbing wall and a EuroBungy apparatus. All attractions are sited at South Ridge. The Mountain Grocer store was also open.

And also on Bethel's Sunday River Road, the "Brew Pub" which has been closed all spring has a sign posted that it will open June 26.

Electric motorcycles

A small team of electric motorcycle "developers-test pilots- engineers" from the Vectrix Company of New Bedford, Mass., (and Poland) were in town staying at the Bethel Inn. Their mission was to test drive new electric powered motorcycles over the various driving conditions - up, down and mountainous - in this part of Maine and New Hampshire. On Wednesday, one of the models being tested had a new sticker attesting that it had climbed Mt. Washington.

The production machine the team brought with them was a Vectrix VX-1 which is, I was told, a Finnish machine purchased by Vectrix and sold under the Vectrix label. One of the team members gave me a ride up and down Broad Street on the VX-1. It has



FASHION THROUGH THE INN YEARS-An extravaganza of fashions spanning the 100 years of the Bethel Inn Resort will be featured by the Mahoosuc Arts Council in a Gala 100 Years of Fashion Show, July 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. Artistic Designer Veronica Cross, modeling tux tails from the 1920s (right), is piecing together men's and women's ensembles representing each decade of the past century. Julia Reuter (center) will be modeling her own 1974 hippie smock, complete with wooden-bottom clogs and little fresh daisies in her hair. Emily Ecker (left) will be modeling a brunch outfit from the 1990s. Other lady models include Robin Zinchuk, Amanda Moran, Debi Irons, Carly Sauro, Mame Connors and Brad Jerome. Allen Connors and Zakk Maher will be sporting the dapper gentlemen's attire. Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds benefit the arts in Western Maine. Only 200 tickets will be sold and will be available June 28 at Ruthie's Boutique, the Bethel Inn and on www.mahoosucarts.org. For more information call 890-3686. (Submitted photo)

two standout features - noiseless and regenerative braking. By twisting back on the throttle control, right hand grip, when moving forward braking occurs and the motor-generator feeds current back to the batteries. This particular machine has a 10 foot cord that plugs into a charging pack which connects to 110v house current.

Along with their test machines, the team also brought a Honda SH 150 with them which as I understood it is the gas powered model against whose performance the electric machines are being fine-tuned to match. Power for the electric machines is supplied by lithium battery packs. It seemed as one of the goals for the electrics is to reach a reliable 100-mile range per charge capability. Range for the Vectrix VX-1 Li (lithium) is given as 60 miles.

Eben Miller guest speaker at BHS

Thursday evening Eben Miller from Southern Maine Community College gave a one hour talk about mainly Androscoggin County resident's reaction, responses and support of volunteers in the first two years of the Civil War. His talk focused on how much local people depended on the Lewis-

ton Daily Evening Journal for news about troops in the Washington area and about the war. This newspaper had been started by Nelson Dingley, Jr., (1832-1899) about the time the conflict started. Dingley may have seen his newspaper as a political tool for himself as he was elected a representative to the Maine House in 1862.

Besides the fact that the outbreak of war may have helped the local economy, the A number one local issue was slavery and emancipation. But then a major question was if freed what would all these people do? Abolishing slavery became almost an obsession with both the public and the legislature. Volunteer militia men sent to the Washington area eagerly waited for Evening Journal news of the home front sent by family and friends. Women made quilts and clothing for their troops.

Although former Maine senator, Hannibal Hamlin, was Lincoln's vice president, his influence within the Lincoln administration after his 1860 election was very slight. Eben Miller is the Honors Program Coordinator at the college.

In other Maine history news, the Western Maine Foothills newspaper reported that Stanley Howe received the Maine His-

torical Society's Neal W. Allen, Jr. History Award for 2013 for his outstanding contributions in the field of Maine history and genealogy at the organization's June 8 meeting in Biddeford.

The History Club

Cobblestone Farm - A Bethel Subdivision with a History

Of the 80 or more subdivisions within the town of Bethel, the Cobblestone Farm subdivision on the Grover Hill Road probably ranks number one or nearly number one in terms of subdivisions with an important historic past. Eight lots are connected to the Grover Hill Road by the Cobblestone Farm Road.

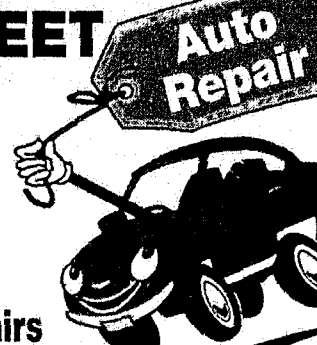
Founders of the Van Telegraph and Telephone Company, Bethel's telephone company, started out here at the now long gone Cobblestone Farm. The Van Den Kerckhoven family came from Belgium. Alphonse (1872-1938) their son was the founder of Bethel's telephone company.

Always a colorful character, Al Van, in the early 1900s, not only was the local telephone entrepreneur but also was an American Express agent, a dairy farmer, and a florist with a greenhouse. Alphonse's father was a

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peasant and his mother a high class French lady. The Vans lived on Grover Hill at their farm which was called Cobblestone. During World War I Al Van promoted home gardening and personally instructed and demonstrated canning of fruits and vegetables. He had charm and exquisite manners and was prominent in Masonic circles. His wife, Emma Jones Van, was the adopted daughter of Dr. Addison Morton, who was the family doctor in Bethel for more than 50 years. Eugene Van (1900-1960), who some living here today may remember, was born at Cobblestone Farm June 4, 1900. He succeeded his father, Alphonse, as president of the Van Tel & Tel Company being known as "Gene Van the telephone man." Other members of the Van family became involved in the company and for a while with the Bethel Water Company.

Besides the road sign reading Cobblestone Farm Road and the actual road, the only other physical clues as to where the farm was located are an old historical society photograph and the meandering Cobblestone Brook that crosses under the Grover Hill Road on its way to the Androscoggin. From matching the old photo with the brook's location, it would seem that today's subdivision is west of the old farm buildings. Nevertheless the property and road sign stand as clues to an important part of Bethel's history.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN

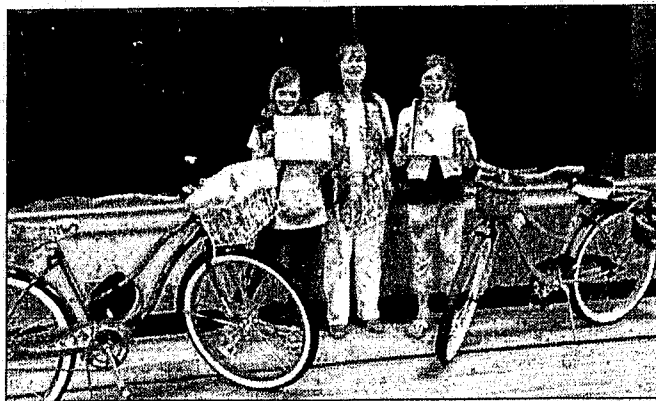


The Northeast Bank on upper Main Street has a small but exciting exhibit of local Maine minerals and gems. The items are from the Ray Woodman and Theresa Bileau collections that will be part of the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum, which will open soon on Main Street. The Woodman collection has more than 5,000 specimens, which were collected over

65 years. Most of the minerals in the exhibit at the bank are mica specimens, including ones from Mica Nubble No. 1 in Greenwood and the Wheeler Brothers Mine in Gilead. There is a mica lampshade and a mica camp lantern made in 1908. There is also a card with tiny gem and mineral specimens from local mines. The cards were made by Perham's and were popular when I was a child in the 1960s. Included are also pictures of the old Mica Shop, which was located next door to the Cole Block on the site where the Northeast Bank is now. When I was young and my family owned the Bethel Citizen, my sisters and I sometimes spent Thursday afternoons (waiting for the paper to be printed) playing in the mica chips outside the shop. The driveway and street glittered with flecks of mica. Bank employee Lloyd Sweetser told me that plans call for an exhibit at the bank until the museum opens. The exhibit will be changed every few months.

The Farmers at the Market 2013 opened for the season on Wednesday, June 19. The market, which is located beside Café DiCocoa, is open to growers and licensed food producers free of charge. Some of those present for the first market day were Anna Sysko from Anna's Garden and Greenhouse in Newry, Tourmaline Hill Farm from Greenwood, and Allium Farm from Sumner. Produce included organic eggs, garlic scapes, lettuce, mustard greens, onions, baked goods, herbs, and pepper and tomato plants. The market is every Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m.

I have seen dozens of Luna moths in the past few weeks. This beautiful species, which was once considered endangered in some areas because of the use of insecticides and herbicides, seems to be making a comeback. The large green moths are almost 4.5 inches wide and have long tails down each hind leg. The caterpillars are bright green and are almost 2.5 inches long. The caterpillars turn red before pupation. The moths emerge from their cocoons in the morning, allowing all day for their wings to dry and fill with blood so they



Carol Emery, Healthy Maine Partnership Manager, River Valley Healthy Communities presents bicycles to the two first place regional winners of the 2013 Tar Wars Posters Contest. Shelby Thorman, daughter of Penny York, and Chase Ormiston, daughter of Todd and Elizabeth Ormiston, both 4th graders at Crescent Park School in Bethel show off the new bicycles and helmets that they recently picked out as prizes for the tobacco prevention program of the Academy of American Physicians.

(Submitted photo)

can fly off that night. The moths live only about a week; they don't eat; they don't even have mouths. Their sole purpose is to procreate before they die. If you see one hanging motionless from a tree or building, don't touch it or assume it's injured; it is probably just waiting for its wings to mature.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Well, due to changes, I have to write and submit the column earlier... ergo, my much earlier calls. It was fun as usual. Though I still have a few hours left, I thought I'd better get it done early... just in case we get the severe thunderstorms in the forecast. I do not want to risk losing power and not getting things in on time. Oh, and this high humidity kind of has me in a fog so, please, understand and give me some room for error.

Jean Grover attended various family get-togethers and had a wonderful time at each and every one.

Wednesday, June 19, Arlene spent time with her daughter Dory in Durham... can ya tell it's this time of year? The young lady, Arlene, is on the go. Betty Ann Hastings has been busy with her garden and "Spring" clean-

ing. Congratulations to Corey Coolidge Chase for graduating on Friday, June 14, 2013, from Telstar Regional. The graduate is the daughter of Tina Coolidge from Bethel and Robert Chase of Andover. Corey has decided to take a year off before enrolling and furthering her education. Corey will be working locally and is considering a move down south this fall. Congratulations to Corey. "Corey Jean has great style; hopefully her shoes will take her miles." Those are her Mom's words and I couldn't agree more. Corey, you are amazing... congrats from me and the neighborhood.

Now, I will hold off on my answer to the Trivia one more week. Why, you may wonder. The Alder River Grange just had elections again. Thus, I feel my answer will be a nice comparison to now and then.

Yet, I have other interesting things to tell you. For one, there is the East Bethel School Reunion coming up this weekend. June 30, starting at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be another power point presentation from James Haines. I will be there again. I may be a bit late, sorry. I loved being invited last year, and this year, thanks to the East Bethel news, will be there to relay a message from a former student. I feel so honored. Thank you all!!!

Many readers have also

asked about the yummy fish fries the Greenwood FD does so, here are the upcoming dates: June 28, July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23. See you all as many times as possible!!! It's a great deal and servings at a good price and serving a good purpose.

Now, also back by popular demand, it is time again for our mock elections for mayor of East Bethel. Please, call me at 824-3220 or e-mail your vote to han@megalink.net. Please, do cast your votes! Wow, this will be a very interesting one, going by the requests for this and the possible votes. Wondering if our mock elections here in East Bethel possibly will be an indicator for how America will vote? Let's do it. Thank you East Bethel Have a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH



The last day of school has passed and children in town may be looking for something to do after the first few days of freedom, so here are some suggestions. On July 8 to 12, the Calvary Bible Church will be offering a Vacation Bible School program entitled, "Kingdom Chronicles" from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. On July 11, there will be a family ball game night at the town field next to Mills' Market.

In addition to tee-ball, there will be Whiffle balls and softballs available as well as tennis rackets. Adult Volley Ball continues on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at the same location.

Another interesting opportunity for the children is the program at the First Congregation Church on Monday through Wednesday, July 22 to 24 from 9 a.m. 'til noon. "The Voice from the Mountain" program will include a look at mountain top experiences with field trips, refreshments and crafts.

Last Saturday, Kelsey Averill was feted at a graduation party in the Town Hall.

Many former residents and relatives of Max-

ine Thurston gathered at the First Congregational Church to celebrate her life which was followed by a gathering to offer condolences to the family and renew old acquaintances. It's my understanding that Mills' Market will reopen this Saturday. The store, often advertised as Oxford County's oldest family run store, is under new ownership by Trisha (Mills) Cox and her husband Bruce. The store has been totally renovated and will feature a line of groceries which is welcomed by all of us who run out of sugar, crushed pineapple and other commodities in the middle of a recipe.

Remember the only monthly meeting of the Selectmen to be held in the Town Hall is now the first Tuesday. Meetings on the second and third Tuesdays will be at the Town Office.

Since I am a delegate to the 29th Synod of the United Church of Christ in Long Beach, California over the next several days, there will not be an Andover column next week.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



The New Balance contingent of hikers climbed Tumbledown Mountain in Twp. 6 in

Weld. The Howard Pond Preservation Association will have their annual meeting on July 5 at 9:30 at the Paine cottage, 501 Howard Pond Road.

An auction to take place over a two day time frame will be June 29 and 30 on site at Top Hat Antiques along Route 2 in Hanover. The 5,000 square foot building is full of items to sell.

For more information contact Poulin Auction Company, 199 Skowhegan Road, Fairfield, Maine 04937.

The Rumford Point Community Athletic Association has reformed and named new officers:

Andy Bean, President; Randy Hoyt, Vice President; Darcy Bean, Naomie Hoyt, Kenneth Pulsifer, Brian Pingree, and Jamie Breau, are all trustees.

Keeping Your Car In It For the Long Haul

(MS) — Maintaining a vehicle can be akin to maintaining one's body. If you keep up with an exercise routine for yourself, those sessions at the gym get easier with each day. However, if you lag behind in your workouts or don't workout at all, the sessions get harder and your body is worse for the wear.

Such is the case with your car as well. Keeping up with regular maintenance of your vehicle can add years to its life, not to mention dollars to its resale value. Ignoring the little things, however, can prove both damaging and expensive. Fortunately, the small tasks you need to do for your car won't leave you feeling as taxed as the sit-ups and pushups you need to do to keep your body running smoothly.

• **Replace your air filter.** This is one of the more commonly

overlooked maintenance tips for keeping a vehicle running smoothly. Replacing the air filter is both easy and very beneficial to your car. The air filter's job is to stop contaminants from getting into the engine. This can include dust and leaves. If enough debris gets into your air filter, the engine won't be able to suck enough air into its combustion chambers, causing the car to run roughly and frequently lose power. In highly neglected cases, cars will stop running entirely.

Most vehicle manuals will recommend changing the air filter at certain designated mileage intervals. For people who drive in heavy stop-and-go traffic or frequent dirt roads, it's a good idea to cut those mileage recommendations in half.

• **Stick to your oil-change schedule.** Routinely going past the

mileage recommendations for oil changes will eventually and inevitably lead you down a road no one wants to go down: the major repair road. Oil changes are inexpensive and typically take less than 30 minutes to do (if you don't do them yourself).

Over the years, the mileage recommendations for oil changes have fluctuated. The standard used to be every 3,000 miles. However, newer cars can often add a couple thousand miles onto that number. Factors such as age, how the car is used, how the driver drives and other arbitrary factors can greatly influence how badly your car needs an oil change. Vehicle manuals can recommend as few as every 3,000 miles and as many as every 10,000 miles. In general, if your car is newer, every 5,000 miles should be safe and

good for your car.

Whatever schedule you go by, keeping up with it is imperative. Thanks to the high-operating temperature of a car's engine, oil's effectiveness as a lubricant lessens as the miles go by. If you continually neglect changing your oil, your engine's parts will rub against one another, leaving you with costly repairs and possibly in need of a new engine.

• **Rotate your tires.** For new-car buyers, a tire rotation is often a perk of buying a vehicle from a dealership. Most dealers will provide free tire rotations (in addition to other services such as oil changes) whenever necessary. For those who don't have such deals or prefer to go to their private mechanics, rotating your tires should be on the docket just like oil changes and changing the air filter.

Some in the auto

industry debate the overall effectiveness of tire rotations, which are designed to add more life to your tires. However, regular rotations that cost money can negate any savings you might get by squeezing an extra few miles out of your tires. An insider's tip that could save you the cost of a rotation and add some extra life to your tires is to ask your mechanic to do it when you're getting other work done that requires the tires to be off the car anyway (i.e., a brake job). A mechanic you go to regularly likely won't charge for the rotation, and you'll have the best of both worlds: rotated tires and no bill for the service.

• **Change your transmission fluid.** This is another commonly overlooked maintenance tip. Since the mileage recommendations for changing your transmission fluid can be

up to every 100,000 miles (for automatic transmissions), it's no wonder this is overlooked. However, that doesn't mean it should be forgotten.

Transmission fluid needs to be replaced for much the same reason oil needs to be changed. Since it's a lubricant, transmission fluid gradually breaks down over time in an automatic transmission (which generates more heat to operate than a manual transmission). As the transmission then begins to wear down, worn down bits of the transmission get into the fluid, shortening the transmission's life span. The same contamination occurs in a manual transmission, though more quickly, which is why it's often recommended drivers with a manual transmission replace their transmission fluid every 30,000 to 60,000 miles.

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Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Town of Greenwood has received some unexpected money, and it came from the State no less. Town Manager Kim Sparks said the Town had budgeted zero dollars from State revenue sharing. We received \$28,000. That will go toward lowering the mill rate for property taxes. Good deal.

The Local Hub is expanding. The Bartletts have rented the building on the corner of Bird Hill Road and Main Street, Locke's Mills. This was the former telemark ski and bike shop. They are moving the plant and garden component of their business to this space. That will give them more space at their location in the former Round Pond Corner Store. They plan on having more food there plus booths where customers can sit and eat. More to come on this good development.

If you noticed some handmade furniture displayed on the lawn of the former ski shop this weekend, that was Stephen Stone, a wood carver and furniture maker on the North Road in Bethel. He will be making the above-mentioned booths

for The Local Hub. His work includes pine and cedar furniture he makes from trees either he has harvested or, as he said, "knows the person who harvested it." All local.

Route 219 from Greenwood City to West Paris has been paved recently. The State maintains that road. Smooth driving until you turn on to the Greenwood Road.

Fish Fry Friday this week at the Greenwood Fire Station on the Howe Hill Road, June 28, 3 to 6 p.m. Why cook when a firefighter will cook for you?

It's here, everyone. The annual Strawberry Festival is Saturday, June 29, 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Belgian waffles, pies, quarts of strawberries, all kinds of homemade foods made with strawberries. Get there early to get the best pickings at the Locke's Mills Union Church on Main Street (Route 26).

My young dog welcomed the Swintons back to their camp by running off with Cordelia's swimsuit. Glad Cordelia was laughing. What a character that dog is. Welcome back, John and Cordy.

Do you believe in ghosts? Word is out that specters of several notable long-gone Greenwood residents who rest in the Union Church cemetery will be appearing at their gravesites, in

one form or another, on Saturday, July 6 at 11 a.m. The Greenwood Historical Society has undertaken to arrange a tour for the inquisitive public to meet the specters and hear firsthand about their lives and place in the town's history. So mark your calendars to not miss out being witness to this unusual and possibly eerie event.

Local artists take note. The Shy, Novice, and Closed Art Show is Saturday July 6, 9 to 4, on High Street, Bethel. This is an exhibit of the works of our local artists and crafters. There's everything from paintings and carvings to needlework and photography. If you are an artist at any level, bring your work - info is at www.shynoviceclosedartshow.com. If you are a looker, come see what people you know do in their spare time. Please send news to 3tachi6@gmail.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



This was another busy week getting ready for Friends and Family Day.

We accomplished everything on time, even though we had to dodge a few rain drops.

When I say we, I am referring to the members of the GHS who had time to come to the Hall on Friday to set up.

My brother, Steve McLain, is having a birthday today, June 27. Happy Birthday!!!

Major Stephen J. McLain, III was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal on June 21 for his four years of military service at NATO's Joint Warfare Center in the Kingdom of Norway. He and his family will be leaving Norway on July 3 and heading to Washington, D.C. for his next assignment on the U.S. Army staff in the Pentagon. Stephen is the son of Stephen and Lise McLain.



80s DAY-Alice Lee's second-graders at Crescent Park Elementary School were busy in the last weeks of school. They dressed up for "80s Day": Isabella Cedeno, Autumn Thompson, Payton Berry, Sierra Carson, Aiyana Chartier, Lily Ryan. (Submitted photo)

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Summer arrived last weekend and boy did it! It is hot, humid, and hazy today and I am ready to sign in to the nearest air conditioned center. The overhead fans help, but it is still hot and muggy. As I have said before, I am not a hot weather person. If I wanted to live in a place like Florida, I would move there and visit our friends Andy and Paula and my sister Cindy. I like the heat when it is 20 below out and snowing hard.

Went to the first supper of the season at the North Waterford Congo Church on 5 Kezars Road. They always do a great job. They had gingerbread for dessert.

Much going on in the next two weeks. Thursday, June 27, "War on Whistle-blowers," a film and discussion at Fare Share Commons at 7 p.m., Robert Greenwald will be there.



PEW RECOGNIZED BY DOE-Former SAD 44 Andover Director Sid Pew recently received the Department of Education's Commissioner's Award for his efforts toward dropout prevention over the years. He was a longtime member of the district's Dropout Prevention Committee. Pew is shown here (right) receiving the award from Commissioner Steve Bowen. (Submitted photo)

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FMI please call 743-2183. Saturday, June 29, there will be a dance at the World's Fairgrounds at 8 p.m. with Cold Blue Steel. FMI call 890-7669. June 29 is also Light the Garden at the Alan Day Community Garden in Norway from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. It will celebrate the culmination of a month long silent auction. Check it out online at alandaygarden.wordpress.com. Entertainment will be by Kathryn Gardener and Jordan Kaulback. Tickets for the event will be sold in advance at Books N Things or at event on a sliding scale of \$10 to \$256. FMI call Rocky Crockett 743-2423 or at AlanDayCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

The first of July is next Monday and Socrates Café will meet at the Waterford Library from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments. The topic for the evening is: "What is Wisdom." Jim Kearney will be moderating. FMI: 583-6957. Tuesday, July 2, the North Waterford Church, 5 Kezars Road across from Melby's, will have a supper. Donation is \$8 for adults and \$4 children under 12. There will be a strawberry dessert. FMI please call 583-2655.

Thursday, July 4, Waterford will have their usual Parade and Waterford Library will hold their annual book sale from 8 a.m. to noon. Hardcover will be available for \$2 and paperback for \$1. Book donations may be left at the library lobby at any time. July 4 there will also be a community picnic on the side lawn at the Moses Mason House in Bethel from 11:30. After the presentation of colors and the National Anthem, Matt Ruby

will speak and there will be a two hour concert by the Portland String Quartet. In case of rain the picnic and concert will be inside the Middle Intervale Meeting house on Intervale Road. That is all for this week. Stay cool, watch out for lightning strikes and stay safe. Anything to add, please call 739-9115.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Eight members of the Upton Historical Society attended the meeting on Sunday. They discussed their plans for the upcoming Upton Fun Day.

The annual Upton town meeting will be Thursday, June 27 at the school at 7 p.m.

The Upton planning board will meet Friday, June 28 at the town office. They will have a workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m. and will start processing building applications at 7 p.m. Please call 207-533-2010 or email me at backstjoe@gmail.com with news.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT



Hello from Albany. This has been a wash out day. Lots of rain and thunder showers so no yard work for one more day. Did get lots of housework done.

A very busy week is behind us. The fourth grade went on a field trip on Monday to Canaan Mountain and rode the tram and walked the Rim Trail. We had lots of fun. Tuesday

was a field trip to Bumpus Mine that was rained out a couple weeks ago. Wednesday night the family all attended Devin Cole's fifth grade graduation. Sure do wish people would call or e-mail me news in the area.

I had a short visit on Saturday afternoon with Norma Salway and grandson Daniel. Norma will be a speaker at the local author series at the Portland Public Library on Friday, July 12 from 12 to 1. Her focus will be on her book Touched by a Hummingbird as it is used to lift spirits through the power of print.

School is out. Vacation begins and I have plans for a very busy and fun summer.

Have a great week everyone.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



This week I have two items under the heading, "Interesting Animal Behavior." The first was Shiloh being a "fraidy cat!" I was loading firewood into my dump trailer near my frog pond one day last week. Shiloh was nosing around in the grass, as usual, when the bullfrogs began their deep throated "garonk, garonk" back and forth among themselves. I guess Shiloh had not really paid attention to them before, but this time, he began growling and barking, the hair on his back standing straight up. He sneaked over to about 10 feet from the pond, listened and looked for a while, and then slowly turned around and walked off. I don't think he dared go near the water, unusual for him because he loves to swim

there. The second incident was Friday afternoon, as I left my dump trailer and Kubota tractor down by the wood pile while I walked past my garden on the way to the house for a drink. As I approached the garden, I heard a "swoosh-like" sound, which I initially thought was Shiloh somewhere in the tall grass coughing. The sound kept repeating, but Shiloh was nowhere in sight. I had my broad-brimmed straw hat on, but then I noticed a flock of tree swallows swooping around, and as one dove bombed my head, it zipped past just inches away from the top of my hat, making a distinct "swoosh" sound as it went by. Then it dawned on me; I had installed several bird houses on the fence posts around the garden, and the swallows were nesting in several of them. I was surprised, as I often work in the garden and had never noticed the swallows taking offense before!

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday, June 17 for CWA Night. A 6 p.m. supper was held, followed by a 7 p.m. meeting. Filling the chairs were Master Christine Hebert, Overseer Peggy Blake, Steward Ann Morton, A.S. Peter Hebert, L.A.S. Olive Risko, Chaplain Ruby Bryant, Lecturer Alice Hoyt, Secretary and Treasurer Vicky Clark, G.K. Fred Breame, Ceres Mary DeLorenzo, Pomona Irene Mills, Flora Pat Breame, Pianist Ethel LaCourse, CWA Clara Lamers, Ex Comm. Richard Felt and Butch Clark. Regular business was conducted. The next meeting, July 1, will be an open meeting. The public is invited to attend as it is music night with refreshments. On Thursday, July 11, the Grange will put on the Senior Citizens dinner. Program: Opening thought, "Take the Time," Song by all, "Count Your Many Blessings," Reading, "Dad of Mine," Clara Lamers; Article, an interesting anecdote about Francis Scott Key, Ruby Bryant; Reading, "Picnics," by Pat Breame; Game, "How well do you know your flowers;" Music by Richard Felt and Ethel LaCourse; Short story items; Closing thought, "A Fragile Gift," Song, "Parting Hymn." Vicky Clark, CWA Committee, spoke briefly. On July 27, there will be an instruction meeting at



SPEAKMAN RECOGNIZED Joel Speakman of the financial services firm Edward Jones in South Paris recently won three awards from the firm: the Edward Jones Sr. Founders Award for his exceptional achievement in building client relationships; the Field Trainer Award for his efforts in voluntarily training new financial advisors; and the Century Award for outstanding performance during 2012. Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. (Submitted photo)



VMI GRADUATE-Benjamin R. Cross graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. on May 16, 2013 cum laude with a B.A. in business and economics. He also commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corps on May 15 as a second lieutenant. During the past two summers Cross graduated from Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training School in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Officers Training School in Quantico, Va. He will attend The Basic School at Quantico, Va., and Flight Training in Pensacola, Fla. He is a 2009 graduate of Telstar High School. Cross is the son of Robert and Valerie Cross of Bethel. (Submitted photo)

Franklin Grange.

The Woodstock Alumni Banquet was held on Saturday, June 15, at the Legion Hall. There was one lady, Norma Knight, who was celebrating her 80th year and Peggy Blake celebrated her 75th year from Woodstock High School. The crowd was smaller than usual. Two scholarships were given out to Hunter Chase, grandson of John and Leatrice Chase, and Hannah Huston, granddaughter of Louise Yates and husband and great-granddaughter of Norma Knight. A very nice supper was served and it was a nice evening of fellowship. Next year, it will be June 21. The last class to graduate from Woodstock High

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will be having its 45th class reunion on Molly Ockett Day, July 20, at Wendy Hutchins camp on Songo Pond. Potluck lunch, bring your favorite dish. Time: 12-noon to whenever.

The Woodstock Historical Society is looking for yearbooks from Woodstock High School years 1925 to 1929 to complete the set. The have all the rest already. Anyone having these, they would appreciate having them.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

Friday, June 28, from 6 to 8 is Church Family Game Night. Remember to visit the website at bryantpondbaptist.org to see the new VBS 2013 promo video. Just click on the "Survivor" picture.

Saturday, June 15, we attended a graduation party for Hunter Chase with family and friends. We had the pleasure of meeting Theresa's parents and seeing her daughter and family.

Sunday, Father's Day, we attended a family gathering at Jim and Charlene

Hoyt's for a cookout with Beth, Steve and Marybeth Hoover, JoAnn and David Crockett, Bob Hoyt, Ken and I, Jim, Charlene, little Shawn, and Charlene's niece Amanda.

Crystal Chase Beane and Kaylea from Alaska have been visiting for a week with her mother, Leatrice Chase of Locke's Mills. They returned home on Monday.

My son told me to be sure to say "Hi" to the Millers from Albany.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



G' morning - it's Friday, June 21, 11:45 a.m., and it's a great sunny day here.

Started out very cold and windy first thing, but the sun is now out and the temp is up to 70 degrees.

Band members are coming for lunch then we are having a practice 'til 4 p.m.

Our (The Country Trio Band) first outdoor concert was in Mexico last evening, and what a great evening for an outside event.

Condolences to the family of Duncan Slade, he was a great man and loved his paintings and art work. Our thoughts and prayers to each member of his family.

The band will be holding another outdoor concert in Mexico at the Recreation Park, Route 17, Mexico, tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. (weather permitting). Bring a comfortable chair, a picnic supper and a light jacket, don't forget your bug repellent.

A short column this week, as we have been busy.

Drove over to see my niece yesterday in Waterford, she has a beautiful place over there in the country.

Get well wishes to those who are not feeling up to par, our thoughts and prayers are with each one for a very speedy recovery.

Enjoyed seeing our son, Craig and his family at the concert last evening - it was also good seeing Gail and her children there also - we asked Matthew to join us on stage for a song he knew.

Zach will be here to practice with us today; he will be competing in the Down

East Country Music Association competitions this Sunday in Litchfield at the sportsman club.

He will be singing a Josh Turner song, "Long Black Train." Birthday wishes and Anniversary wishes to those who are celebrating this month.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well, and enjoy the beautiful weather they are predicting.

Be sure to check each night for those awful ticks that could be on you - they can be dangerous.

College grads

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Martha Fives McLean of Rowe Hill Road, Greenwood, graduated on May 18, 2013 from the law school receiving the J.D. Degree.

She plans to practice in the Norway/South Paris area.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Ashley E. Oliver of Bethel received a received a Master of Arts in Art Education in May from Boston University.

Telstar Middle/High School 4th Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 6

High Honors: Lilo Bean, Victoria Hamel, Emily Hanscom, Emalee Harrington, Bethany Laird, Koley True Honors: Payton Abbott, Ryan Beckerman, Richard Cary, Julia Cherkis, Aaron CurrierRobert Daniels, Matthew Lavoie, Elizabeth McLeod, Abigail Mink, Gabriel Pasternak, Georgia Playlock, Morgan Prentice, Brooke Richardson, Sadie Richardson, Reese Rosenberg, Kaitlee Turnick

Grade 7

High Honors: Benjamin Alford, Gaelan Boyle-Wight Honors: Jarrett Bean, Colton Carson, Selena Cintron, Aliah Connolly, Russell Cushman, Duncan Forbes, Elizabeth Gibson, Elayna Harrison, Taylor Mason, Jordan Mitchell, Marta Opie, Dylan Richmond, Maria Rodriguez, Ana Rossow, Blake Rothwell

Grade 8

High Honors: Matthew Bennett, Kimberly Drew, Marcus Wentworth Honors: Zoe Bean, Joshua Eliot, Avry Griffin, Kristi Hanscom, Elijah Laird, Schuyler Leff, Deziree MacKillop, Elizabeth Mitchell, Anna Montagna, James Newkirk, Sierra Ryerson, Donald Seib, Kellen True, Sioux-Ann Tuttle

Grade 9

High Honors: Cassidy Smith Honors: Carla Boyle-Wight, Mackenzie Bragg-Albert, Shylyn Buckman, Rebecca Howard, Octavia Morin, Hayley Peterson, Amber Souve, Savannah Vermette

Grade 10

Honors: DongIn An, Savannah Clough, Liam Gallagher, Nisrina Hamdi, Zachary Wheeler

Grade 11

Honors: Alyssa Brands, Kathryn Coolidge

Grade 12

Honors: Carlee Beatson, Colton Davis, Travis Jackson, William Lyman, Kurt Mason

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools;

call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.-Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m.- Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m.-Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahoosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.-Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. -Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the La-

dies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.-Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743 5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m.-Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153 or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/Winter Kids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:

Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-4; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel:

665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library,

West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library,

Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

ADOPT gratitude happiness companionship. PET OF THE WEEK:

Meet Jess

I'm looking for a playmate and also someone to love and care for me. I'm very friendly and just under a year old. I have a surprise on my belly that you can't see until I roll over. I have a small patch of white fur there.

I get along well with the other cats that are in my room. I like to make friends with the people that visit us. Will you be my friend?

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. The shelter has moved to a new location at 9 Swallow Road in Paris. Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

For answers to questions about adopting or fostering a pet, or to make an inquiry about a lost animal, call Responsible Pet Care after noon at 743-8679.

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner,

9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich.

Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church

- Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's

Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor & Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults and children, "Sunday Morning Live" for Middle and High School youth; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6:30

p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade). Tuesdays: High School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group 5-7 p.m. FMI: 207-824-2289

Bethel Church of the Nazarene -

16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, Our Lady of the Snows - 285 Walkers

Mills Road (Rt. 26). Fr. Robert Vaillancourt may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street,

Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m.,

informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist -

Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union

- Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible

Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets

at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in

Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union -

Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 - 10 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 27 to June 29

Summer Sale; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Thrifty Gift Shop, 659 Park Street, South Paris. Over 100 pairs of sandals, capris, shorts, skirts, and dresses as well as lots of bathing suits.

June 27 to June 30

OHMPAA's Spring Performance of "The Fourth Wall" by A.R. Gurney; Norway Grange, 15 Whitman Street. Performances will take place on June 27, 28, and 29 at 7:30 p.m., and June 30 at 2:00 p.m. The show is not suitable for children. Seating limited to 100 per show. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens 55 and up and students 18 and under. Advance tickets may be purchased at Books-N-Things, 430 Main Street, Norway, or call 207-739-6200. FMI visit OHMPAA.com.

June 27 through July 20

Music without Borders Piano Festival; 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, McLaughlin Science Center Auditorium, Gould Academy. Free and open to the public. For a list of this season's participants, facts about the Festival's history and the venue, visit www.musicwoborders.com.

Thursday, June 27

Constellation Energy/Bethel Area Chamber Golf Classic; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday River Golf Club, 18 Championship Drive, Newry. \$125 for a full day of golf, breakfast, lunch, networking, amenity items and more.

Upton Town Meeting; 7 p.m., Upton School. "War on Whistleblowers" Film and Discussion, 7 p.m., Fare Share Commons. FMI: 743-2183.

Friday, June 28

Safe Sitter Class; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Ripley Medical Building's Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway. Open to students 11 years and older. Safe Sitters learn infant and child CPR, choking procedure, basic child care skills, and how to entertain and keep them safe. Class fee: \$50 (\$15 scholarships are available). FMI/Registration: 743-1562 (ext. 6951).

What Not Shop Benefit; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All net proceeds from sales at the What Not Shop will be donated to the River Valley Fourth of July Event.

American Red Cross Blood Drive; 11 a.m. to 3:40 p.m., Androscoggin Valley Hospital's first floor Lecture Room. Blood supplies are low. FMI/Appointments: James Patry (603) 326-5606.

17th Century Music Concert; Medallion Opera House, Gorham, N.H. Mimi Mitchell teams up with Erik Schmalz, Charles Lang, and Susan Ferre for a concert of 17th century music from Italy, England, and Central Europe. FMI: www.musicgnw.org or info@musicgnw.org.

Saturday, June 29

Bethel Rotary Club Annual Auction and Yard Sale; Telstar Regional High School. Yard sale: 8 a.m. Auction preview: 5:30 p.m. Auction: 6:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Rotary scholarships and other community programs. Many items available including housewares, furniture, clothing, tools and more. FMI/Donations: 653-9297.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Old-fashioned dance music. Adults/\$5.

Light the Garden; 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Alan Day Community Garden, Norway. This event will celebrate the culmination of a month long silent auction. Entertainment by Kathryn Gardener and Jordan Kaulback. Advance tickets available at Books N Things. FMI: Rocky Crockett (743-2423 or alandaycommunitygarden@gmail.com).

Cold Blue Steel Dance; 8 p.m., Waterford World's Fairgrounds. FMI: 890-7669.

Mondays, July 1, 15 and 29

Essentials of College Planning for Adults 19 and Over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University & Community College Center, 232 Main Street, South Paris. Free, interactive workshop that outlines the four steps in the process: admissions, financial aid, career planning, and study skills. The workshop lasts approximately 2 to 3 hours. Preregistration required. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703.

Monday, July 1

Socrates Café; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. July's topic will be "What is Wisdom?" The moderator will be Jim Kearney. The group offers a forum to discuss current topics and ideas in a warm, friendly atmosphere, where divergent views will be welcome. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

July 2 through August 31

Guided Tours of the Dr. Moses Mason House; 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Tours may

be arranged during the remainder of the year by calling (207) 824-2908. Adults/\$3, Children 6 to 12/\$1.50, under 6/free. Family rate: \$7. Bethel Historical Society Members, free.

Tuesday, July 2

"200 Years a Landmark" Celebrating the Dr. Moses Mason House; 1:30 p.m., Dr. Moses Mason House, Bethel. A highlight of this event will be the unveiling of a professionally designed scale model of the Dr. Moses Mason House, Bethel Hill's oldest residence, created by BHS member, James Auman.

Church Supper; North Waterford Church, 5 Kezars Road. Adults/\$8, children under 12/\$4. Homemade casseroles, baked beans, brown bread, and more. Featuring strawberry shortcake for dessert. FMI: 583-2655.

Five nights of international Celtic performances continues; 7 p.m., with Ten Strings and a Goat Skin at the Bingham Hall, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. Series is presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council in partnership with New England Celtic Arts. The other dates are July 16, Aug. 13 and 27. Tickets, \$15; purchase online at www.mahoosucarts.org or reserve at 207-890-6386.

Thursday, July 4

Annual Book Sale; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Waterford Library. The sale will include a large selection of hardcover and paperback books as well as a good selection of children's books. The library will be open during the sale. Hardcover books/\$2, paperback books/\$1. Book donations are welcome prior to the sale and may be left in the library lobby at any time.

4k, 2k and 1k Fun Runs; 8 a.m., Roberts Farm Preserve, Norway. Rain or shine, the Western Foothills Land Trust will hold a celebratory 4k run for adults and 1k and 2k fun runs for kids. All runs are free. Donations welcome and patriotic outfits are encouraged.

Fourth of July Community Picnic and Concert; 11:30 a.m., side lawn of the Dr. Moses Mason House, Bethel. Following the presentation of colors and the National Anthem, Matt Ruby will speak briefly about this special day in American history. The program will continue with a free two-hour concert by the Portland Brass Quintet. In case of rain, the picnic and concert will be held in the Middle Intervale Meetinghouse on Intervale Road.

Live Music Lawn Dance; 8 p.m., outside the Tavern at the Bethel Inn Resort.

Friday, July 5

High Street Art Walk, Jo Baker Reception; 5 to 8 p.m., Owen Gallery, Gould Academy.

9th Annual Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Soiree; 5 to 8 p.m., High Street.

July 6 through August 31

"Pictures Serene and Sublime: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured" Opening; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 6; thereafter, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. This eight-week exhibition will feature a variety of White Mountain landscapes, including several from the collection of the Jackson, N.H., Historical Society. The contemporary works by artists Koepfel and Sansariq will be available for purchase (proceeds benefit the Bethel Historical Society).

Saturday, July 6

Ellis River Riders Gymkhana Horse Show; 9 a.m., Andover. Free for spectators. FMI: show@ellisriverriders.com.

Bethel Art Fair; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bethel Town Common. Visit the historic Bethel Common to enjoy live music, fine fare, and the unique offerings of more than 60 artists and artisans exhibiting oil, pastel, watercolor, pen-and-ink, and multimedia works, plus photography, woodworking, metal-smithing, jewelry, beadwork, stained glass, pottery, and more. FMI: 824-2575 or mahoosucarts.org.

Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 18 High Street, Bethel. A low key, low pressure venue for shy or novice artists. Accepting up to six pieces per artist, all mediums. Entry fee: \$10. FMI: Janet Willie (824-3889) or visit <http://www.shynoviceclosetedartshow.com/>.

Jo Baker Exhibit; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Owen Gallery, Gould Academy.

Learn About Archery at Maine Wildlife Park; 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join Ron Fournier, certified Firearm and Archery Safety instructor for the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the UMaine 4-H Camp. There will be lots of hands-on practice with a great introduction to the safe sport of archery. FMI: www.Umaine.edu/bryantpond.

Artistic Endeavors Open House; 1:30 to 4:30

p.m., 171 Main Street, Bethel. Showcasing the works of Mary Isham. Mary will be working or one of her new pieces and greeting visitors. Light refreshments will be served. Works will remain on display through Aug. 24. FMI: 824-3273.

Through the Ages Car Parade and Show; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parade begins on Railroad Street continuing to the lawns of the Bethel Inn, where cars will be parked until 8 p.m.

Public Supper; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at West Bethel Union Church. Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$3.

Ten Decades of Fashion; 6 to 8 p.m., Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center. The show will feature one outfit from each decade of the inn's history - flapper wedding dresses, leather waders, go go boots, bell bottoms, and more. Tickets: \$15. Proceeds benefit the Mahoosuc Arts Council.

Comedian Tim Sample; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg. Tickets: \$15/advance, \$18/at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Box Office by calling 935-9232 or online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac. Group discounts are available to parties of 10 or more.

Sunday, July 7

Ellis River Riders Open Horse Show; 9 a.m. Andover. Free for spectators. FMI: show@ellisriverriders.com.

July 8 to 12

Vacation Bible School; 6 to 8 p.m. nightly, Calvary Bible Church of Andover. This year's theme is "Kingdom Chronicles." Children ages 3 to 12 are welcome. FMI: 392-1121.

Tuesday, July 9

Supper Dance; 5 to 9:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, Locke's Mills. Music by the Jones Band. Doors open at 4 p.m. Ham, salads, breads, strawberry shortcake. Supper only: Adults/\$8, Children/\$3.50. Dance and supper: \$10.

Wednesday, July 10

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Mill Hill Inn. Meal is a choice of sautéed chicken with roasted veggies or a vegetarian platter with spring salad for \$12. Reservations must be made prior to July 1 by calling Caroline Gould (824-3226) or Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

July 11, 12, 13

Norway Arts Festival; Main Street, Norway. Events held on and around Main Street throughout the weekend include a sidewalk art sale, book sale, dinners, live music, dancing and performance art, and so much more. FMI: 522-8671 or norwayartsfestival.org.

Thursday, July 11

Teen Dance Starring TJ the DJ; 7 to 11 p.m. American Legion Post 72, 12 Church Street, South Paris. Admission: \$6. Door prizes. Snacks and drinks to purchase. FMI: 595-8499.

July 13 and 14

2013 Western Maine Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Crescent Park School, Bethel. Museum quality displays and demonstrations on gold panning and cabbaging throughout the weekend.

Saturday, July 13

3rd Annual Mahoosuc Land Trust Gourmet Hike; 10 a.m. Meet in the Whitecap parking area on East Andover Road, Rumford, and bring a "gourmet" dish to share. RSVP: mlt@mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olsor Road, South Paris. Topic: Checking for honey and adding more supers, if needed. The public is welcome. FMI: John (743-5009) or Kevin (farrou@roadrunner.com).

Sunday, July 14

Roxbury ATV Riders Wind Tower Ride, Christmas Toy Run; Roxbury ATV Park. Registration: \$10. Proceeds will be split between the Make a Wish Foundation in memory of A. Bodwell and the Christmas Toy Run.

Tuesday, July 16

Five nights of international Celtic performances continues; 7 p.m., with World Acadian Congress 2014 Showcase Tour (International) at the Bingham Hall, 45 Church Street, Gould Academy. Series is presented by the Mahoosuc Arts Council in partnership with New England Celtic Arts. The other dates are Aug. 13 and 27. Tickets, \$15 purchase online at www.mahoosucarts.org or reserve at 207-890-6386.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE VOICES

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 8pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area,

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VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

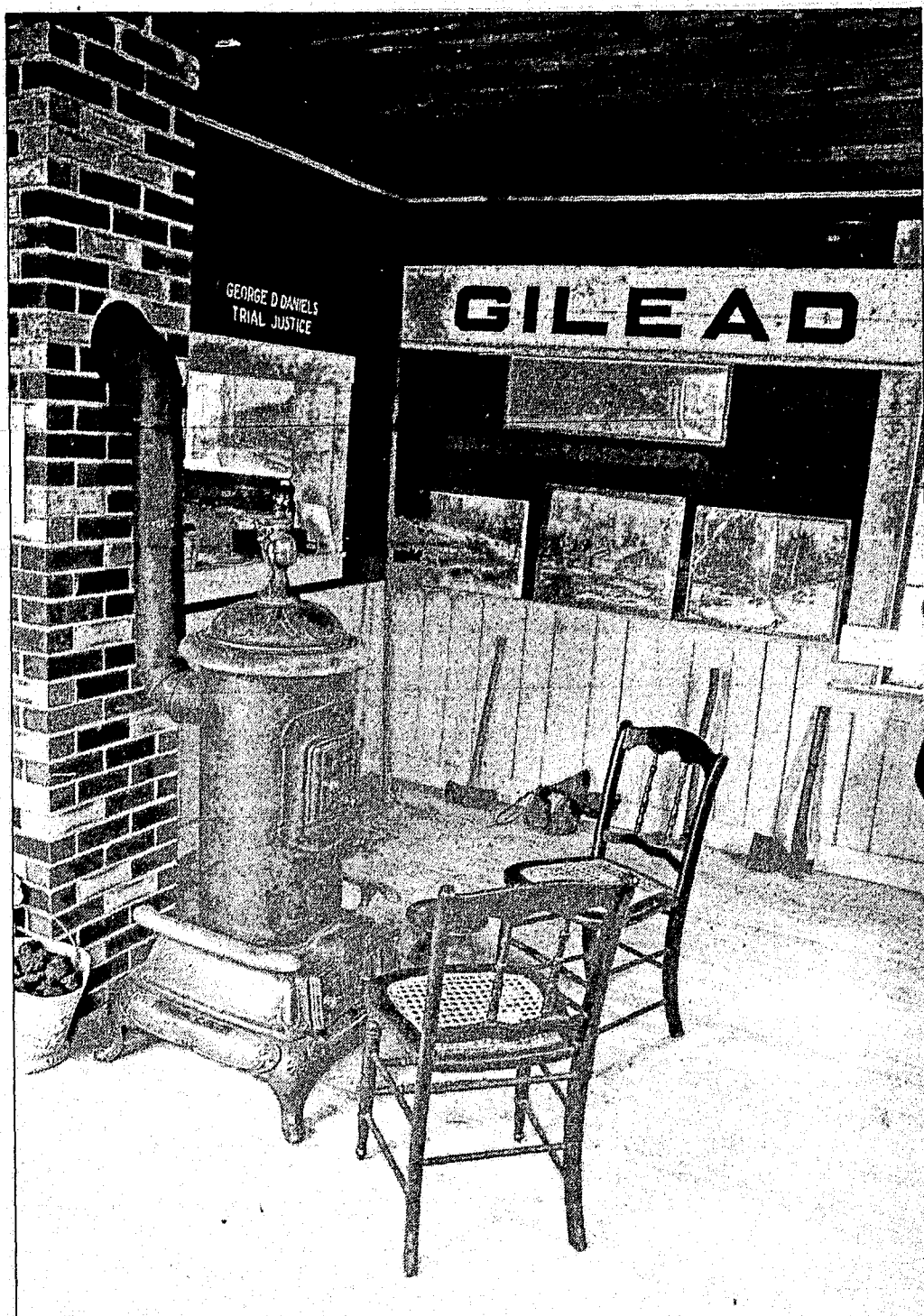
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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

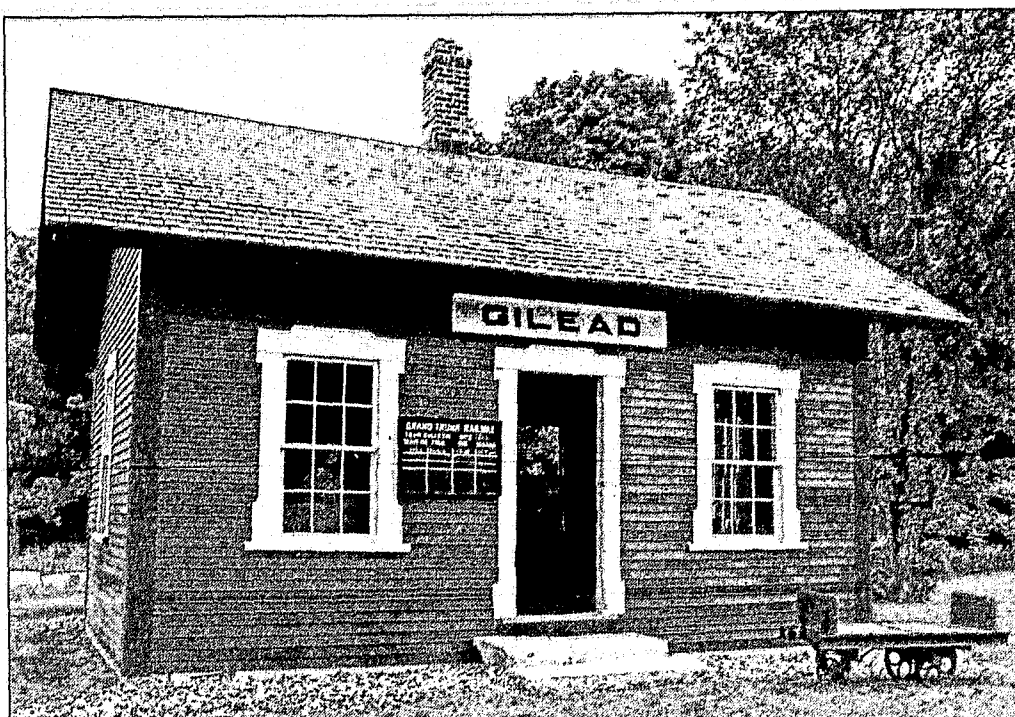
An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

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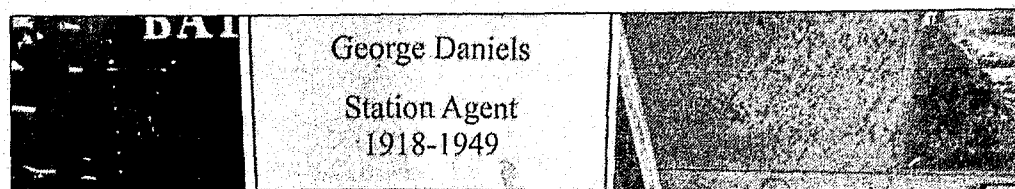
History on display in Gilead



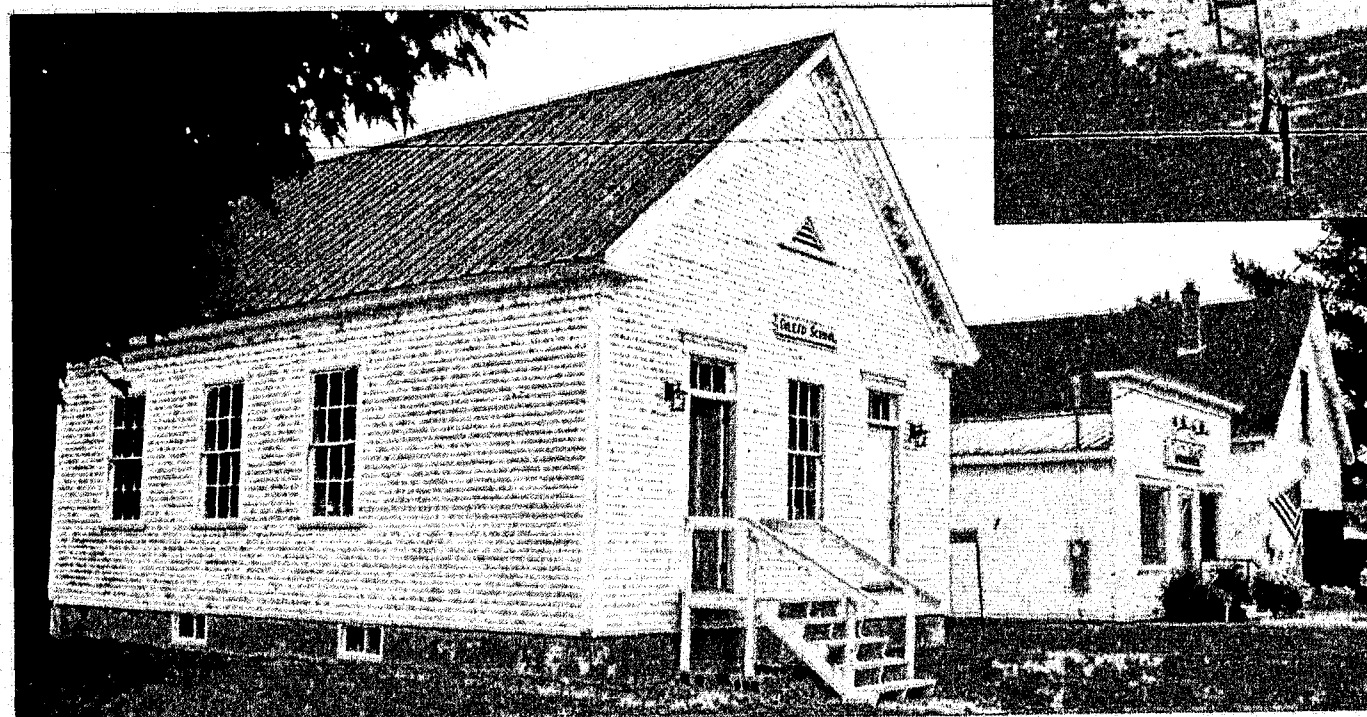
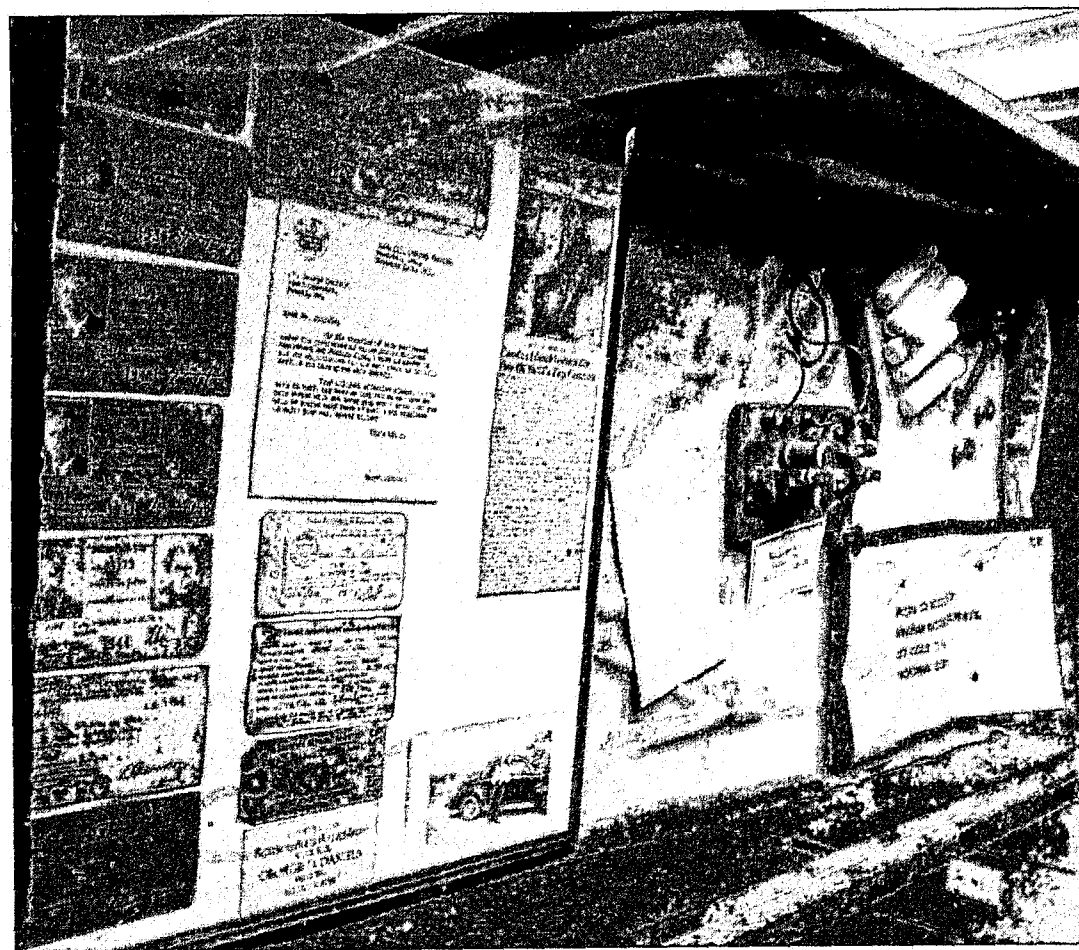
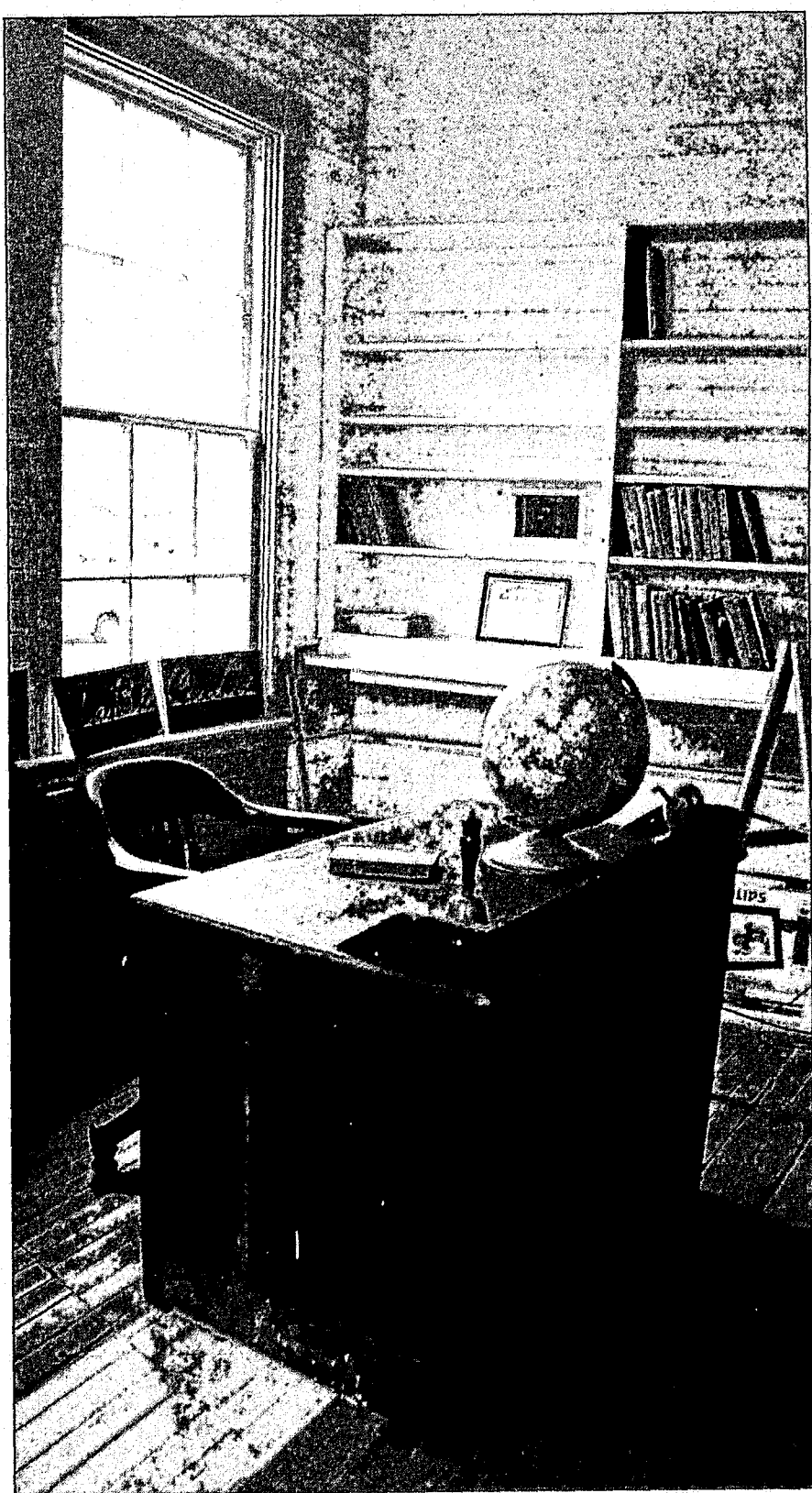
A wood stove in the waiting room of the 1851 Gilead train station. The sign behind the stove denotes station agent George Daniels as a "trial justice." He was appointed by the county to judge minor infractions that would not go to Superior Court, such as fighting and intoxication.



The Gilead train station recently returned to town from Auburn. Gilead Historical Society members restored and repainted it. It was open to the public on Saturday.



Above, a photo of station agent George Daniels. Below, a display at the station that includes Daniels' identification cards from the Canadian National Railroad and a telegraph key.



Above left, An original teacher's desk from the 1903 Gilead School (left). Above, original student desks. GHS hopes to have the historic buildings open to the public on some Saturdays this summer. They also serve as display areas for other items in the GHS collections. (Photos: A. Aboisto)

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - SUMMERTIME

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters
BAT
HAT

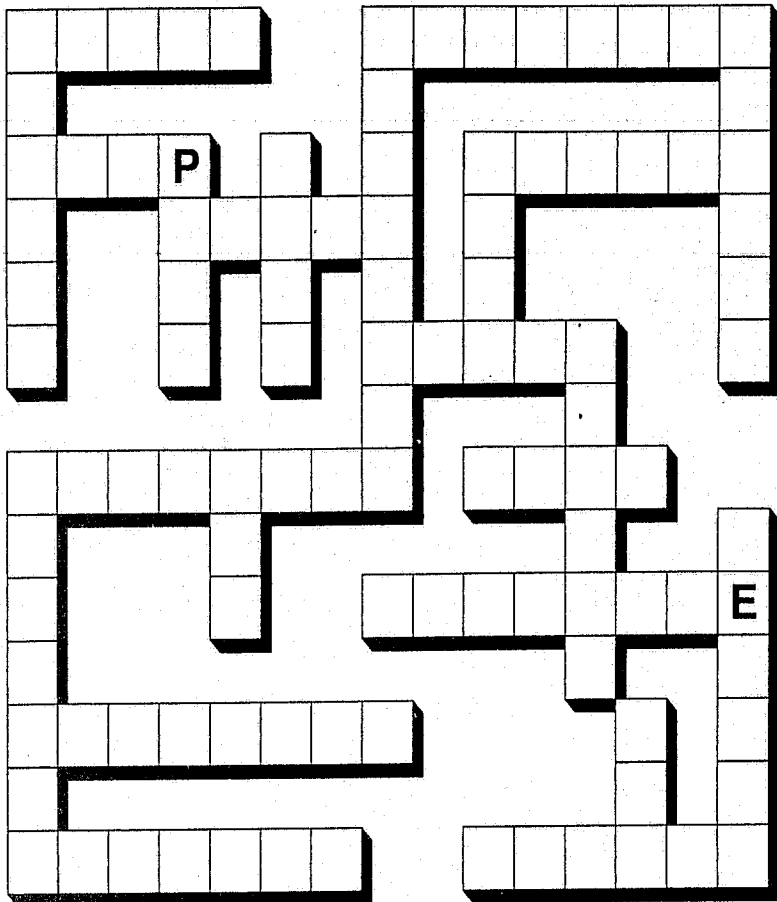
4 Letters
BOAT
CAMP
FINS
HEAT
POOL

5 Letters
BEACH
OCEAN
VISIT

6 Letters
BUCKET
FLOWER
GARDEN
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SUNTAN
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7 Letters
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CARNIVAL
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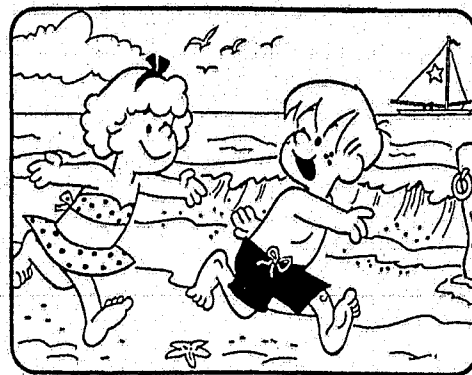
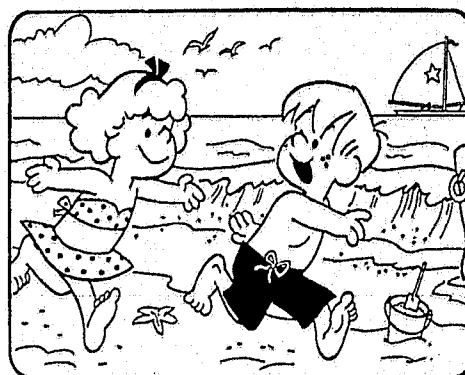


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Hair is different. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Starfish is moved.
4. Swim trunks are smaller. 5. Sail is different. 6. Pail is missing.

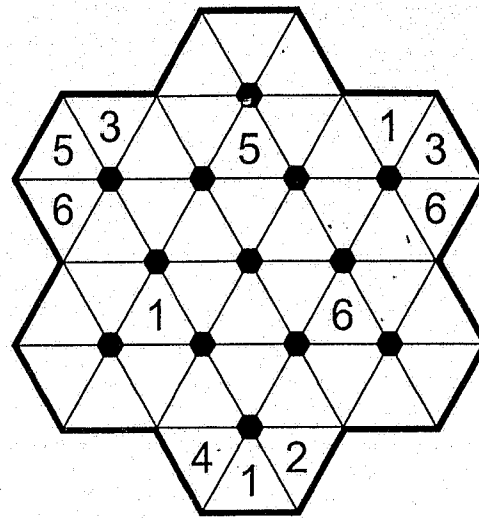
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

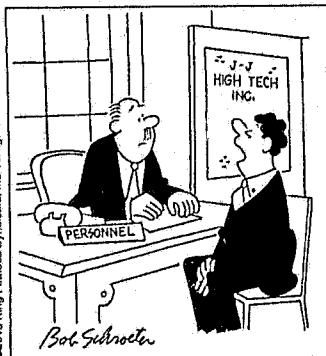
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Pleased
DROUP
Crash
CAMPIT
Protect
GADUR
Give
TANDON

TODAY'S WORD

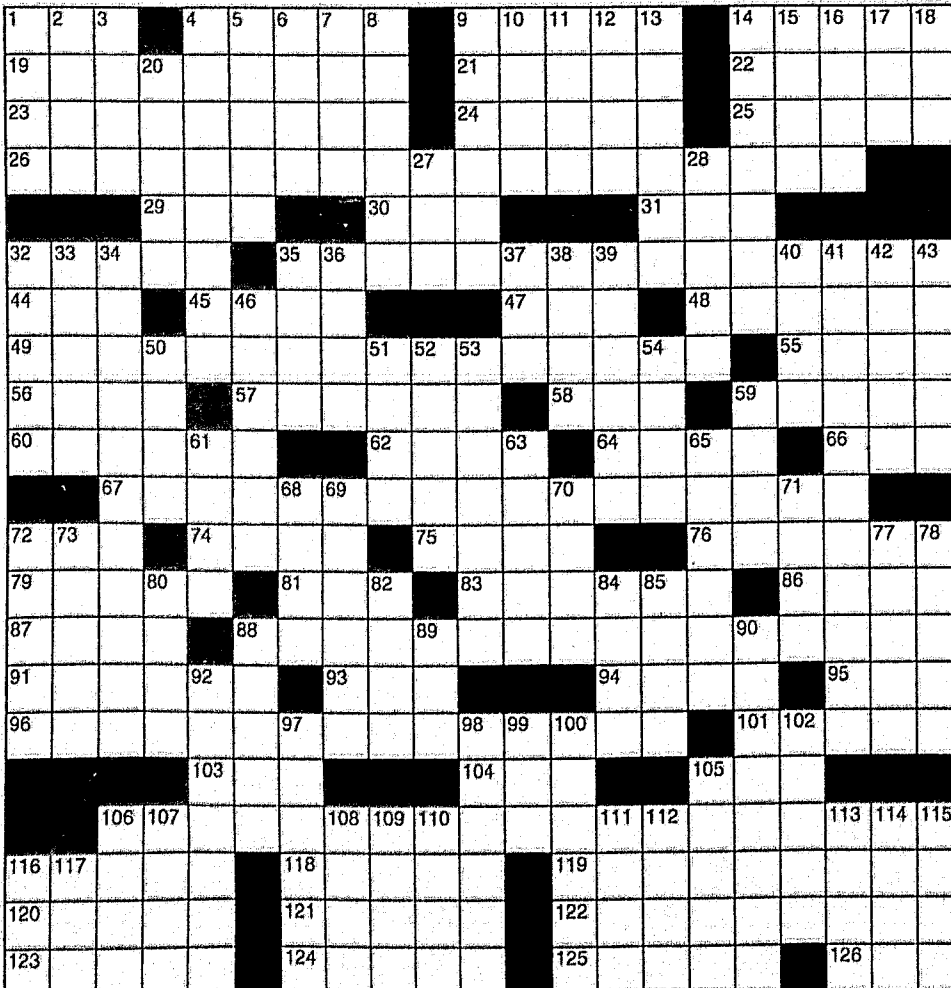


"Oh, I don't care about the salary — I just want a crack at your giant _____ so I can pick out some winning lottery numbers."

Super Crossword

LUMINARIES

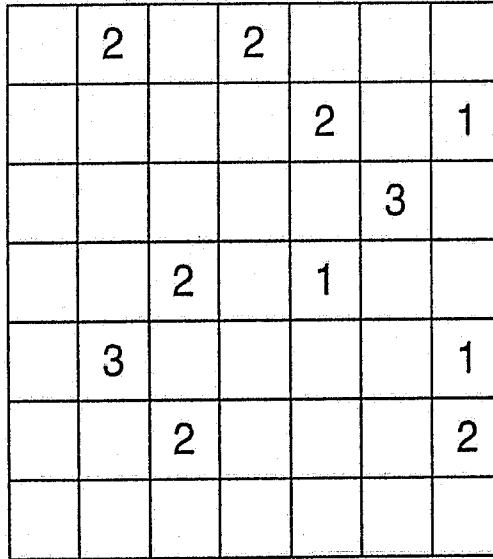
- ACROSS**
- 1 Oklahoma tribe
 - 4 Placed in position
 - 9 Restrict
 - 14 Hair hides it
 - 19 Sing barbershop-style
 - 21 Make — for (run to)
 - 22 Threesome
 - 23 Large lanks for marine life
 - 24 Death, in Venice
 - 25 Jul. 4 cookout
 - 26 Los Angeles tourist draw
 - 29 Blvd. crosser
 - 30 Eternally, to bards
 - 31 Fleur-de- —
 - 32 Cushy class
 - 35 Military bigwig's garb
 - 44 Early Beale Sutcliffe
 - 45 "Get — writing"
 - 47 Maui necklace
 - 48 "L.A. Confidential" novelist
 - 49 Gossip sheet
 - 55 Carl Sagan's sci.
 - 56 "Born Free"
 - 57 Nike rival
 - 58 Rejuvenation
 - 59 "There's — Out Tonight"
 - 60 Eye part
 - 62 Grant, Tan, and Carter
 - 64 Letters after zetas
 - 66 Hunters' gp.
 - 67 The Best
 - 72 Diary writer
 - 74 Lead-in for byte or hertz
 - 75 Shuttle org.
 - 76 Cosmetician
 - 79 Bone: Prefix
 - 81 "Walk- — welcome"
 - 83 Rescind
 - 86 Toward shelter, to a sailor
 - 87 Israel's Golda
 - 88 June 14 "honoree"
 - 91 Nautical chart
 - 93 Feel lousy
 - 94 Protein-rich bean, to a Brit
 - 95 Wallace of film
 - 96 Loose celestial grouping
 - 101 Misplaces location
 - 103 Rocker Petty
 - 104 Rebuffing responses
 - 105 Cool, in the 1940s
 - 106 Theme of this puzzle
 - 116 Western holler
 - 118 Bring down
 - 119 Exact same
 - 120 Soup utensil
 - 121 Warning
 - 122 1981-89, politically
 - 123 Schmooze
 - 124 Prescription bottle data
 - 125 Old-style fax
 - 126 Glistening grass stuff
 - 8 Anesthetize
 - 9 Hedy of "Algers"
 - 10 Major celeb
 - 11 Author Twain
 - 12 Analogy part
 - 13 Viral illness
 - 14 Fourth-cen. Greek prelate called "the Great"
 - 15 Pack light
 - 16 Million or billion suffix
 - 17 Test facility
 - 18 "Stall"
 - 20 Indian Ocean archipelago
 - 27 Teeny-tiny
 - 28 Less coarse
 - 32 Olate, e.g.
 - 33 " — told by an idler"
 - 34 Not trivial suffix
 - 35 Literature Nobel
 - 36 Feminizing suffix
 - 37 Swiss mountain
 - 38 Rural tracts
 - 39 Didn't guzzle
 - 40 "The Film- — Man" (1967 film)
 - 41 "Citizen Kane" director
 - 42 Helicopter part
 - 43 Loy of films
 - 46 Angry lecture
 - 50 Not of the clergy
 - 51 Auction Web site
 - 52 Grown girl
 - 53 To the heavens
 - 54 Partakes of
 - 59 Tennis pro
 - 61 Western mil. alliance
 - 63 Postpaid encls.
 - 65 Mary-Kate Olsen's twin
 - 68 Land o' Blarney
 - 69 Raving type
 - 70 Captivated
 - 71 Royal name of Norway
 - 72 Chinese menu notice
 - 73 " — Dark Stranger" (1946 spy film)
 - 77 1960 Wimbledon winner
 - 78 Sponsor-ship
 - 80 Writer Bombeck
 - 82 Clic — (Bic pen brand)
 - 84 Make lighter
 - 85 — below cost
 - 88 Author Sinclair
 - 89 July third?
 - 90 Store receipt add-on
 - 92 Not merely words
 - 97 "That pleases me"
 - 98 Takes guns from, e.g.
 - 99 Souze
 - 100 Casual cotton top
 - 102 Decide to join
 - 105 Neolithic British Isles monument
 - 106 Hammer-wielding god
 - 107 Fish piercer
 - 108 Unaided
 - 109 " — ever thus"
 - 110 "Take one"
 - 111 "Zip- — Doo-Dah"
 - 112 Culet meat
 - 113 Got 100 on
 - 114 Hard to find
 - 115 Picnic dish
 - 116 Financial daily, briefly
 - 117 Gibbon, e.g.



Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★

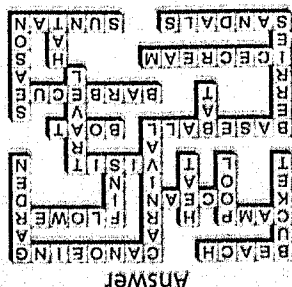
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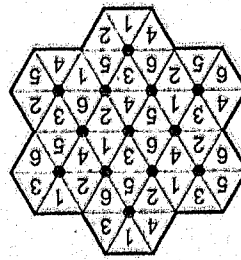
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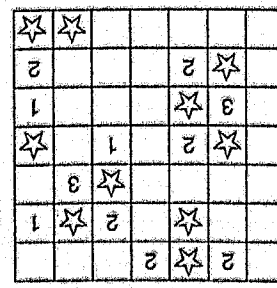
SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word:
3. Guard; 4. Donate;
1. Proud; 2. Impact;
solution



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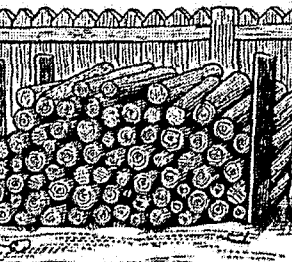
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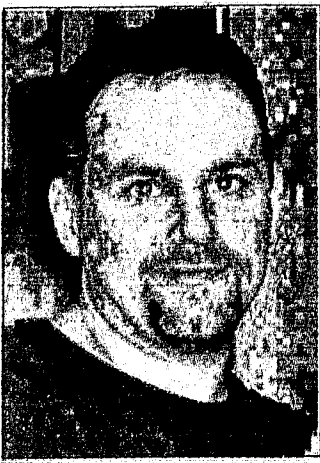
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Obituaries



CHARLES M. CLARK, JR.

Charles M. Clark, Jr., 45, of Maine, and formerly of Milford, Mass., passed away Thursday, June 20, 2013, at home.

Charlie was easygoing and kind spirited and was born in Ansonia, Conn., in 1968, the son of Charles M. and Sharon A. (Kuczenski) Clark, Sr. of Milford. He was a 1986 graduate of Blackstone Valley Reg. Voc. Tech. High School, Culinary Arts Dept. in Upton, Mass.

A resident of Maine for the past 10 years, he had previously lived in Middleboro and Milford, Mass. He presently was a chef at the Black Diamond Steak House near Sunday River Ski Resort, Bethel. He had previously cooked at Lorenzo's Restaurant in Middleboro, Mass. He had also worked at Bait and Tackle shops which included Clem's, Bob's, Jerry's, and Tom's.

He was a U.S. Army veteran serving with the 82nd Airborne Division.

A profound lover of nature and the outdoors, he enjoyed the land on which he lived, gardened, fished, and nurtured.

In addition to his parents Charles and Sharon, he is survived by his brother Stephen P. and his wife Kristen Clark of Sturbridge, Mass.; a sister Cheryl A. and her husband Christopher Rizzo of Raleigh, N.C.; nieces and nephew including Rachael, Danielle and Rebecca.

ca Clark and C.J. and Cassandra Rizzo, and a brother-in-law David Renaud of Milford, Mass. He was predeceased by a sister Cynthia A. Renaud.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, June 27, 2013 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Buma-Sargeant Funeral Home, 42 Congress Street, Milford, Mass., followed by a prayer service at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice in Charlie's name.



JENNIFER L. STONE

Jennifer Lynn Stone, 34, of Andover died unexpectedly June 21, at the Rumford Hospital.

She was born in Norway on January 4, 1979, the daughter of Elmer Stone and Sandra Abbott and was educated in Bethel Schools.

She had been a homemaker most of her life and she enjoyed snowmobiling, spending time with family and friends and had volunteered at the Andover Food Pantry.

She is survived by four children, Isaac, Alex, Shylo and Alisha; one brother Michael McAllister of Norway and one sister Joyce McAllister of Bethel and her companion Jason Standeven of Andover.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, June 28 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Robert Schuesler officiating at the North Paris Cemetery. Arrangements by: Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

Local Food Connection

The Local Food Connection's aim is to encourage the production, distribution and consumption of foods produced in Western Maine. As the season progresses and the gardens grow, we'll keep you updated on where to find food grown by our neighbors and any related events. If you have anything to share or rave about, please let us know at annasysko@gmail.com.

Late last week I attended the Maine Association of Planners (MAP) annual conference in Belfast. Local foods were abuzz at the meeting. The keynote was delivered by John Piotti, Executive Director of Maine Farmland Trust and he spoke about the ability of Maine and New England to feed itself in the future. John sees two growth tracks for our agricultural system; one is the continued presence of large-scale farms that produce products such as potatoes and blueberries that Maine is known for. The second growth track is the continued rise of small, market-direct farms that offer a diverse array of products. These markets have demonstrated growth as between 1997 and 2007 the number of Maine farms grew by 13 percent.

With our prime soils, abundant water, and ability to create community connections that build markets, Maine is in a great position to feed itself and the region in the future. What can you do to help? Consider visiting one of our markets listed below, attending an upcoming Local Food Connection meeting, join the local Boondocks Buying Club through the Crown of Maine Organic Cooperative, search for Mabel's Book a clearinghouse for Good Food Close to the Source in Western Maine available at markets or online at www.westernmountainsalliance.org and then visit the dozens of farms we have in our region and support local agriculture.

Current happenings:

Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Bethel Farmers Market held at Norway Savings Bank in Bethel (at the junction of Route 2 and Parkway).

Wednesdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Farmers at the Market at DiCocca's, 119 Main Street Bethel.

The Local Hub is open every day 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 224 Main Street, Locke's Mills. Janet and Nick Bartlett have lots of local produce and baked goods, seedlings, Maine beer, along with a full array of growing and kitchen supplies.

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Bethel Rotary Club Annual Auction and Yard Sale

The annual yard sale and auction fundraiser, held by the Rotary Club of Bethel is the organization's most important event to benefit scholarships and other local community programs. Much anticipated because of its huge selection of treasures, ranging from housewares to furniture, clothing, tools and more, at this annual yard sale and auction people often make more than one trip.

All the action takes place on Saturday, June 29, at the Telstar Middle/High School, Bethel, with the yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. Auction preview is at 5:30 p.m. with auction start at 6:30 p.m. Not only are there valuable finds at the auction, but it is also very entertaining!

Donated items are still being accepted. Please call 653-9297 for pick up.

Moses Mason House 200th

Members and friends are reminded of the upcoming commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Society's Dr. Moses Mason House on Tuesday, July 2, at 1:30 p.m. Executive Director Emeritus Stanley Howe will open the program by recounting highlights of the lives of Dr. Moses Mason and his wife, Agnes Straw Mason, the first occupants of the Mason House. He will also tell something about later owners of the property. Having no children of their own, Dr. and Mrs. Mason willed their home to a favorite niece, Cyrene S. Ayer, who married Daniel Twitchell and occupied the premises. After Mr. Twitchell's death, she married O. C. Littlehale. Cyrene Littlehale's daughter by her first marriage, Ada Twitchell, succeeded to her mother's house and lived there for many years with her husband, Tristram Durell. Their only child, Daniel, and his wife, Ada Everett, were the fourth and last family to make their home there. Following Howe's presentation, BHS Executive Director Randall Bennett will present some interesting facts about the Mason house, which is the oldest residence at Bethel Hill village and one of the finest Federal style houses in the region. The event will end with the unveiling of a large scale model of the Mason House, which is being donated to the Society by James and Linda Auman of Warren, N.J., and Norway. Refreshments will be served afterwards and the program is open to the public.

The following individuals have made recent donations to the Society in support of this summer's programming: Donald M. Christie, Jr., Lynne and Bud Kulik, Jean K. Owen, Henry and Pat Stewart, William Kieffer, III and James May, Sally and Richard Taylor, Richard and Jan Hale, Carolyn Nygren, Peggy and Steve Wight, and Sylvia and Norm Clanton. The Society extends its gratitude to all who have made gifts in support of BHS summer events.

During the month of June, the Bethel Historical Society has scheduled and carried out several walking tours of the Historic District and Main Street for bus tour groups. The popularity of such tours points to the continuing economic value represented by the town's outstanding but fragile architectural heritage. The Society takes pride in the fact that many home and business owners in the village understand that preserving what so many towns have lost sets Bethel apart, and draws tourists and others to visit, stay and shop locally.

Oxford County Fund endowment tops \$500,000

At a recent gathering in Paris, Bill White, chair of the Oxford County Committee of the Maine Community Foundation, announced the successful matching of a \$35,000 challenge grant from The Betterment Fund and an additional \$15,000 challenge grant made by Matt and Glenna Bevin of Louisville, Ky., and summer residents of Bryant Pond.

"We are grateful for the generous response," said White. "The additional challenge from the Bevins will help raise the Oxford County Fund endowment well over the \$500,000 mark and thereby allow us to increase our grant support of nonprofits in the region."

Over the past 15 years, the Committee has awarded \$328,597 in grants to more than 80 organizations. In 2012, the committee made grants totaling \$20,500 to eight Oxford County projects, including the Across the River Collaborative, an after-school program for at-risk middle school and high school youth. The collaborative provides youth with a chance to perform community service and expand their experience. Participants have hiked the White Mountains, toured the Museum of African History, and visited local farms and businesses.

The Committee is comprised of local volunteer advisors who help the foundation build charitable resources for the county and make grant recommendations.

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